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MY DEAR FRIENDS OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS! I COME TO YOU AS **ENERJAK**, A LIVING GOD...

...TO SHOW YOU ALL HOW TO LIVE IN THE BETTER TOMORROW!

A TOMORROW FREE OF PAIN AND SUFFERING!

A TOMORROW BUILT BY MY UNMATCHED POWER!

A TOMORROW FREE OF TECHNOLOGY!

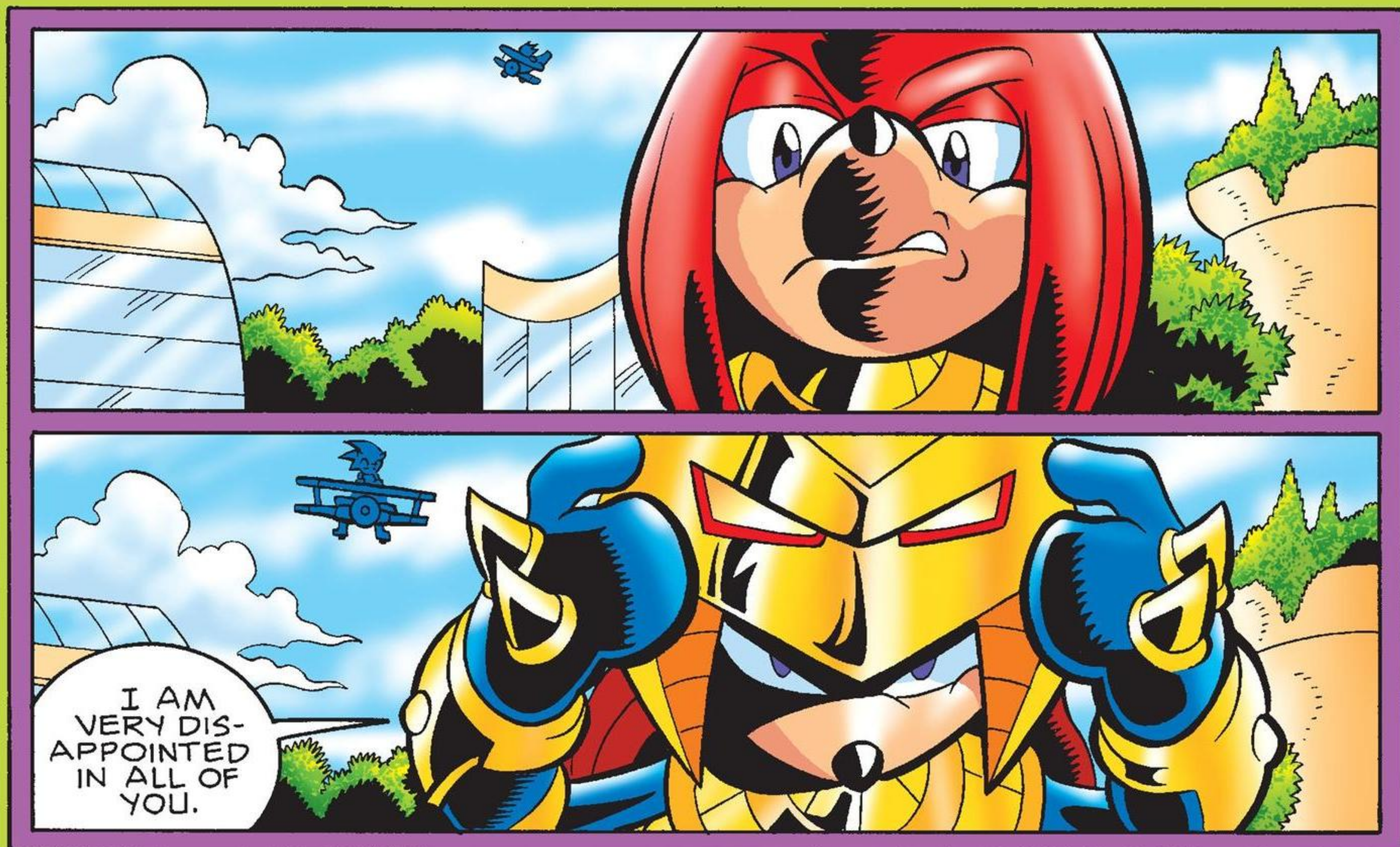
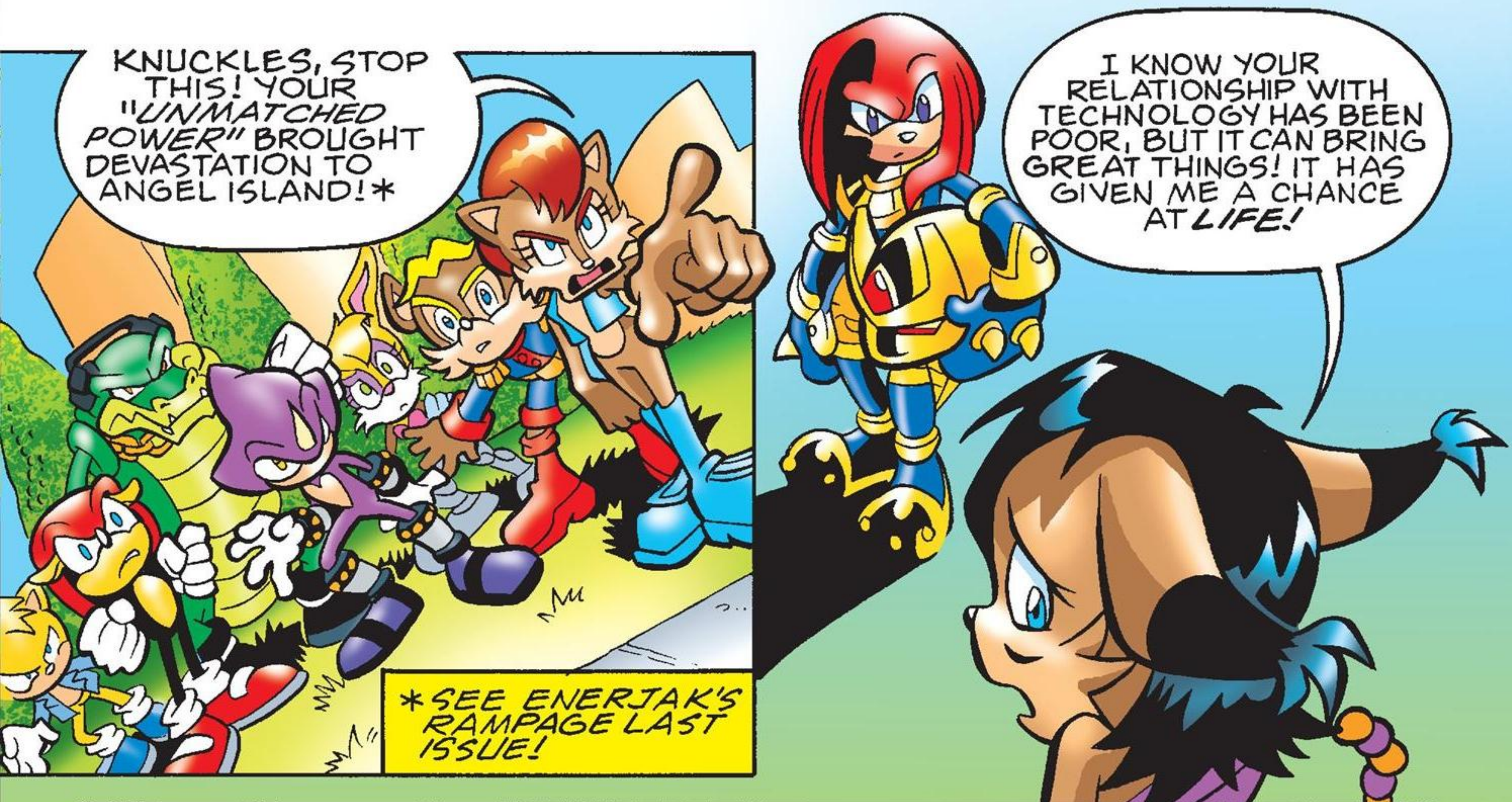
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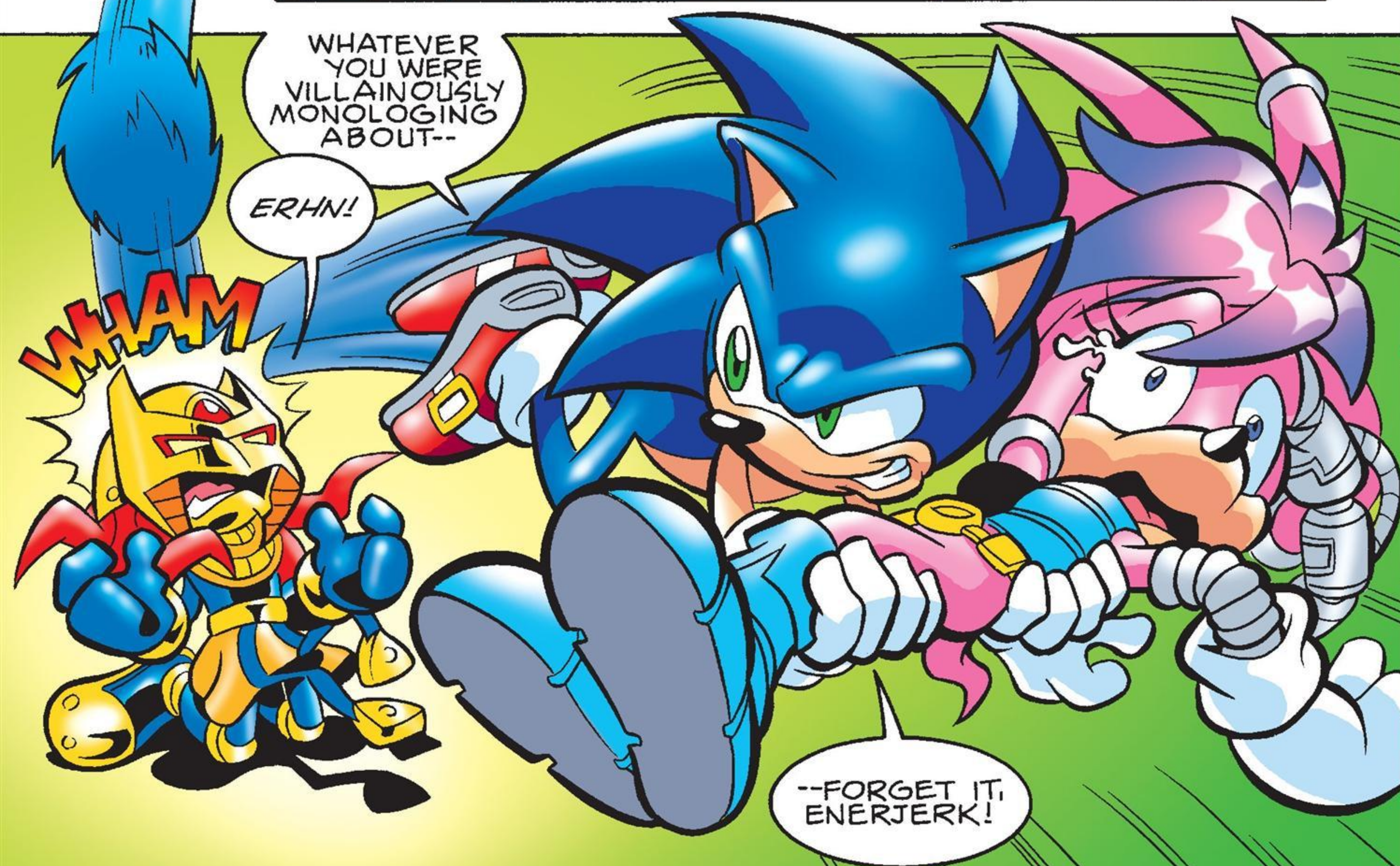
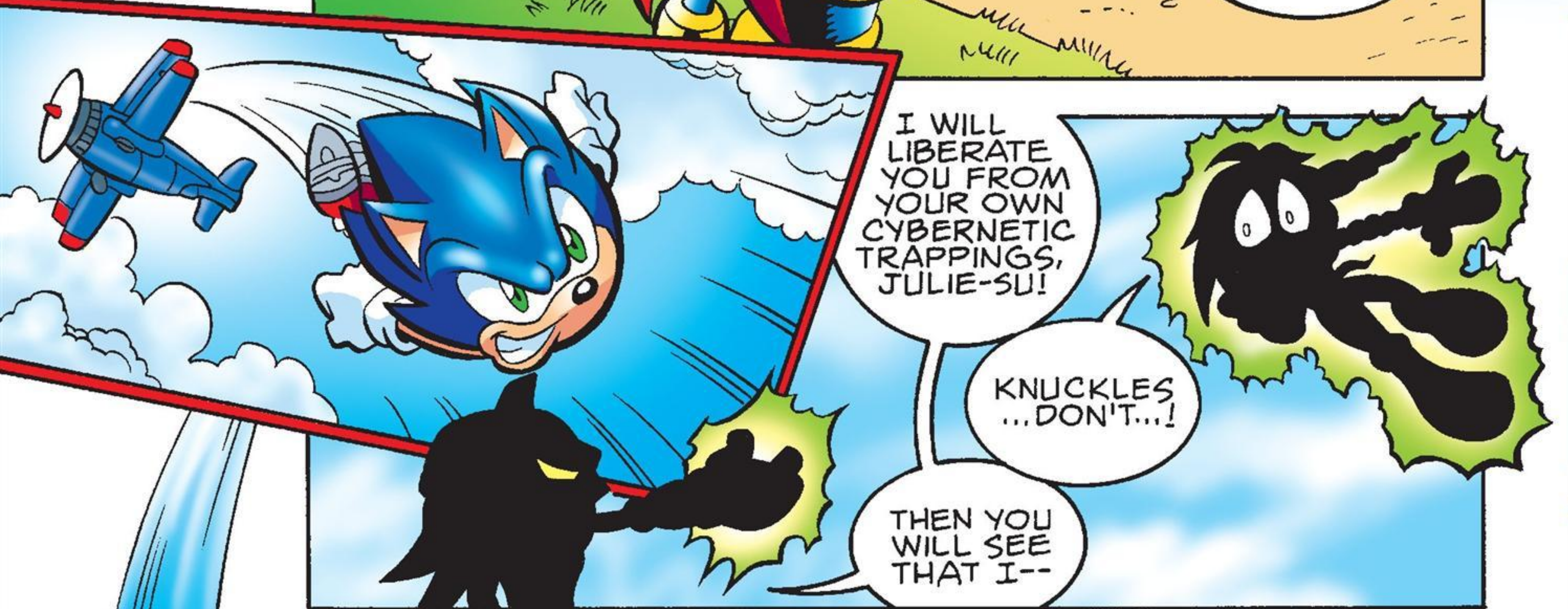
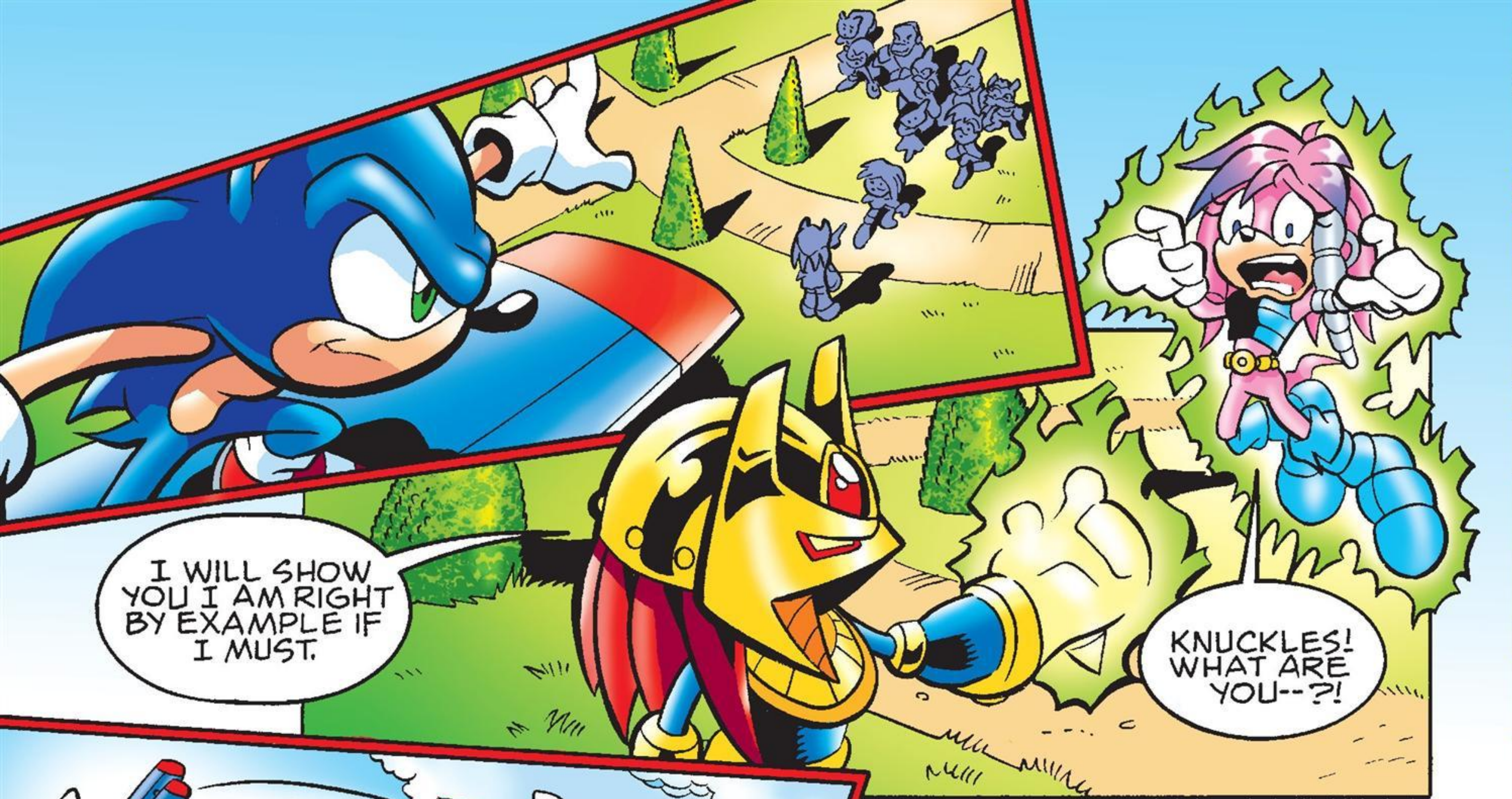
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Knuckles Turned Villain

JULIE-SU
Soldier and Knuckles' Love

SALLY ACORN
Princess & Field Leader

NICOLE
Holographic A.I. Mobian







SORRY
I'M LATE.
HEARD FROM
KNUCKLES?

N-YES,
BUT...

COOL. ANY
BACK-UP
COMING
IN?

YES,
BUT--!

COOL.
ALL
THAT'S
LEFT--

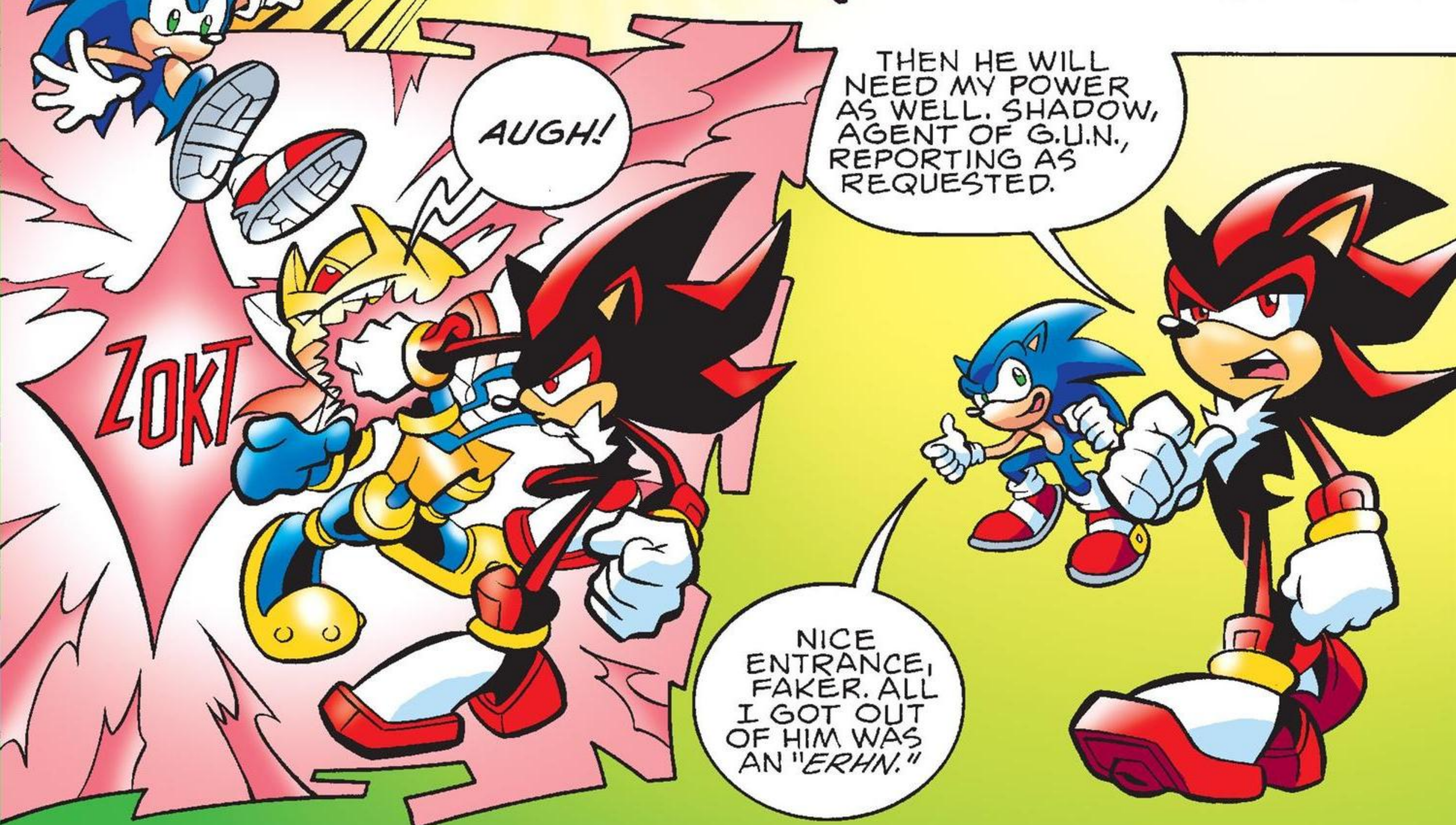


--IS TO
TAKE CARE
OF THIS
ENERJOKES!

YOUR SPEED
WAS NEVER
ENOUGH TO
TRUMP MY RAW
POWER!

EH?

SHHRKKT

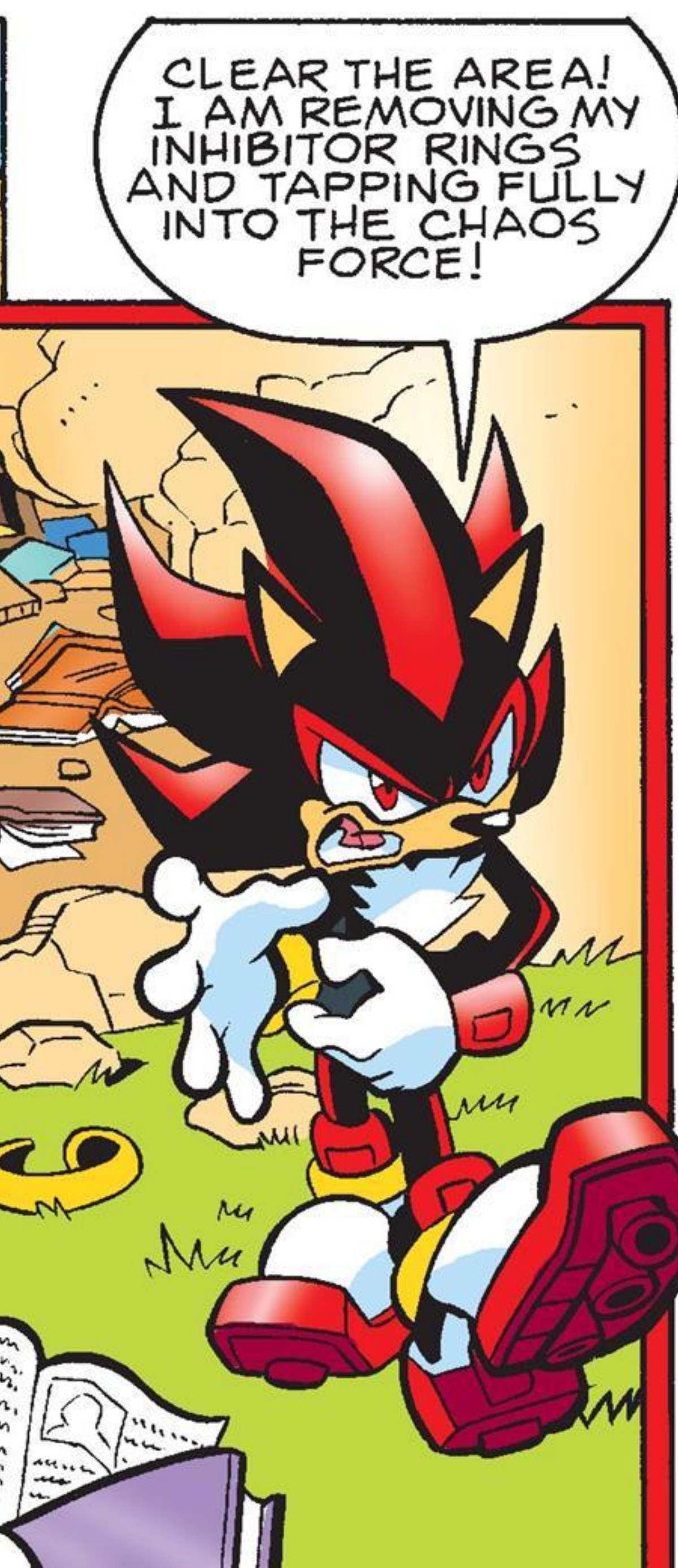
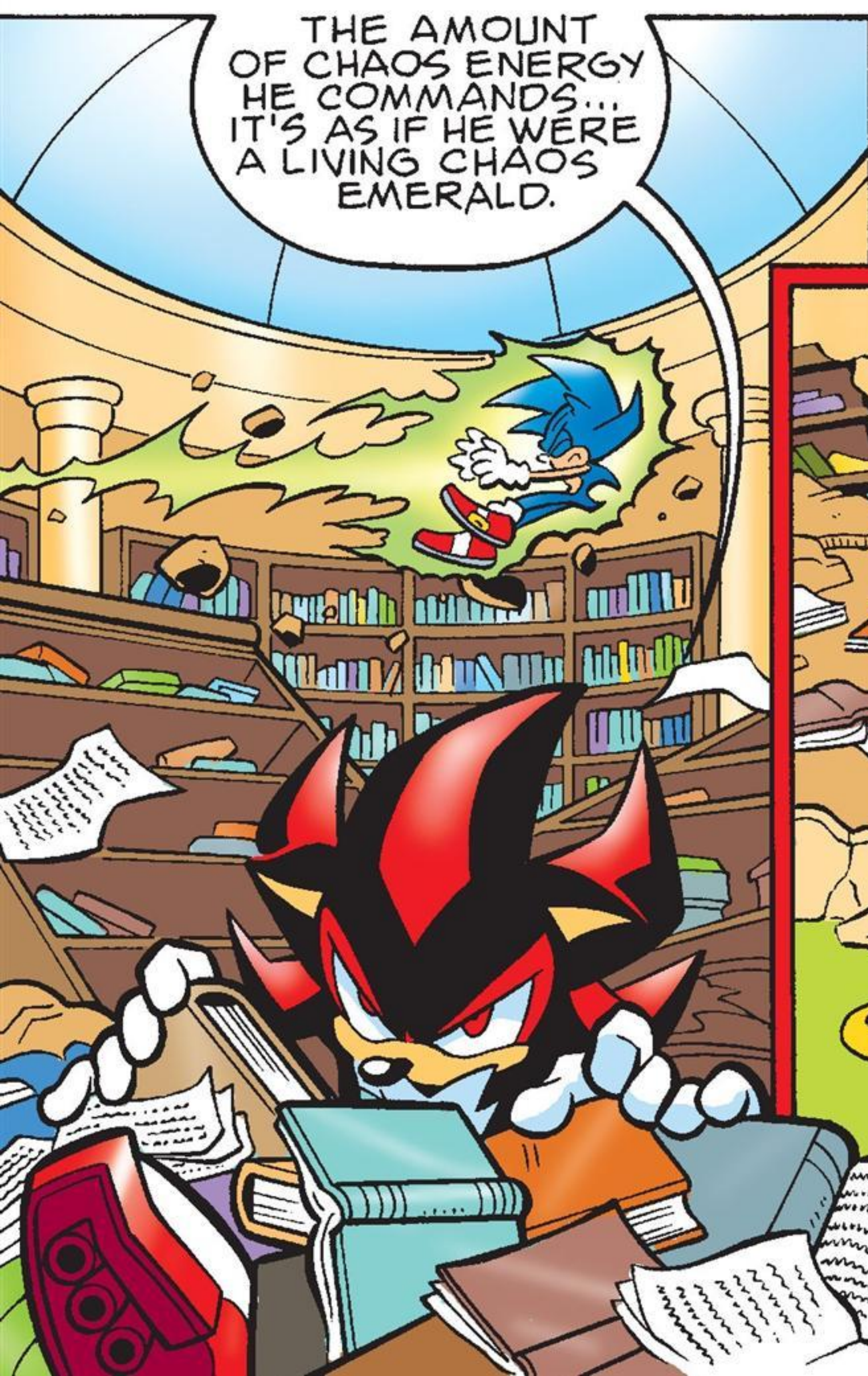


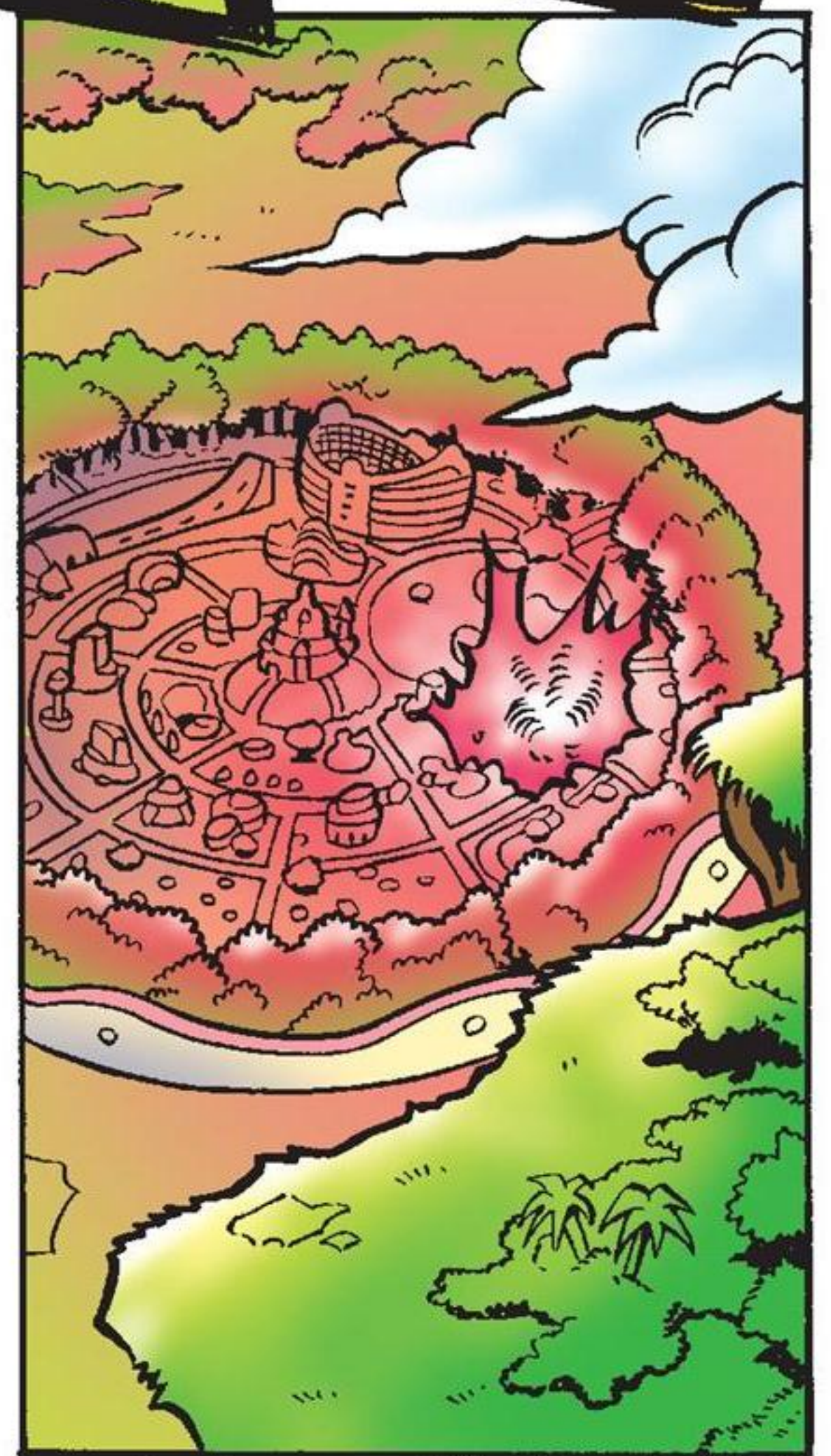
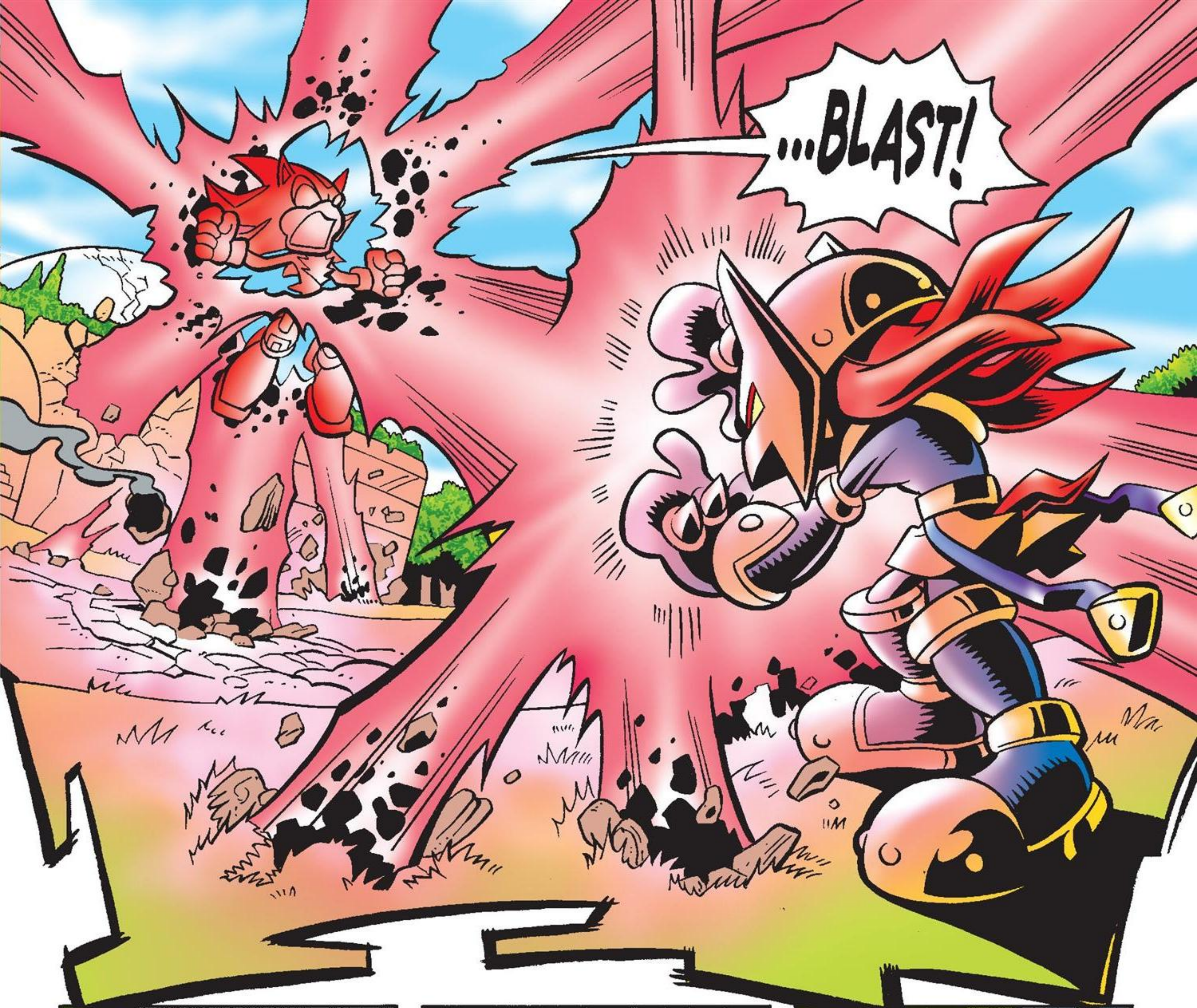
AUGH!

THEN HE WILL
NEED MY POWER
AS WELL. SHADOW,
AGENT OF G.U.N.,
REPORTING AS
REQUESTED.

NICE
ENTRANCE,
FAKER. ALL
I GOT OUT
OF HIM WAS
AN "ERHN."

ZOKT





"...I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO RAISE THE ENERGY SHIELD. IF DOCTOR EGGMAN WERE TO ATTACK..."

NEW MEGAOPOLIS--
DR. EGGMAN'S CITY.

"...WE'D BE
DEFENSELESS."

WHOA-
HO-HO-HO!
TAKE IT EASY
THERE, SHADOW!
THAT'S *MY* CITY
TO DESTROY!

IF
SHADOW'S
THERE, I TAKE
IT THEY'VE
FOUND A WAY
TO BYPASS
YOUR SIGNAL
SCRAMBLING?
SONIC MAY FIND
OUT YOU LIED
ABOUT THE WORLD
TURNING ITS BACK
ON KNOTHOLE.

BAH. THE
COCKY LITTLE
RODENT
PROBABLY
TUNED IT
ALL OUT
ANYWAY.*

ALL OF
THAT IS MOOT
NOW, ANYWAY!
THIS ENERJAK
FELLOW IS
BRIMMING
WITH CHAOS
ENERGY!

*DR. EGGMAN HAD SOME
HARSH WORDS DURING
STH # 175!

IT WILL
BE MORE THAN
ENOUGH TO
POWER MY NEXT
BIG PROJECT!

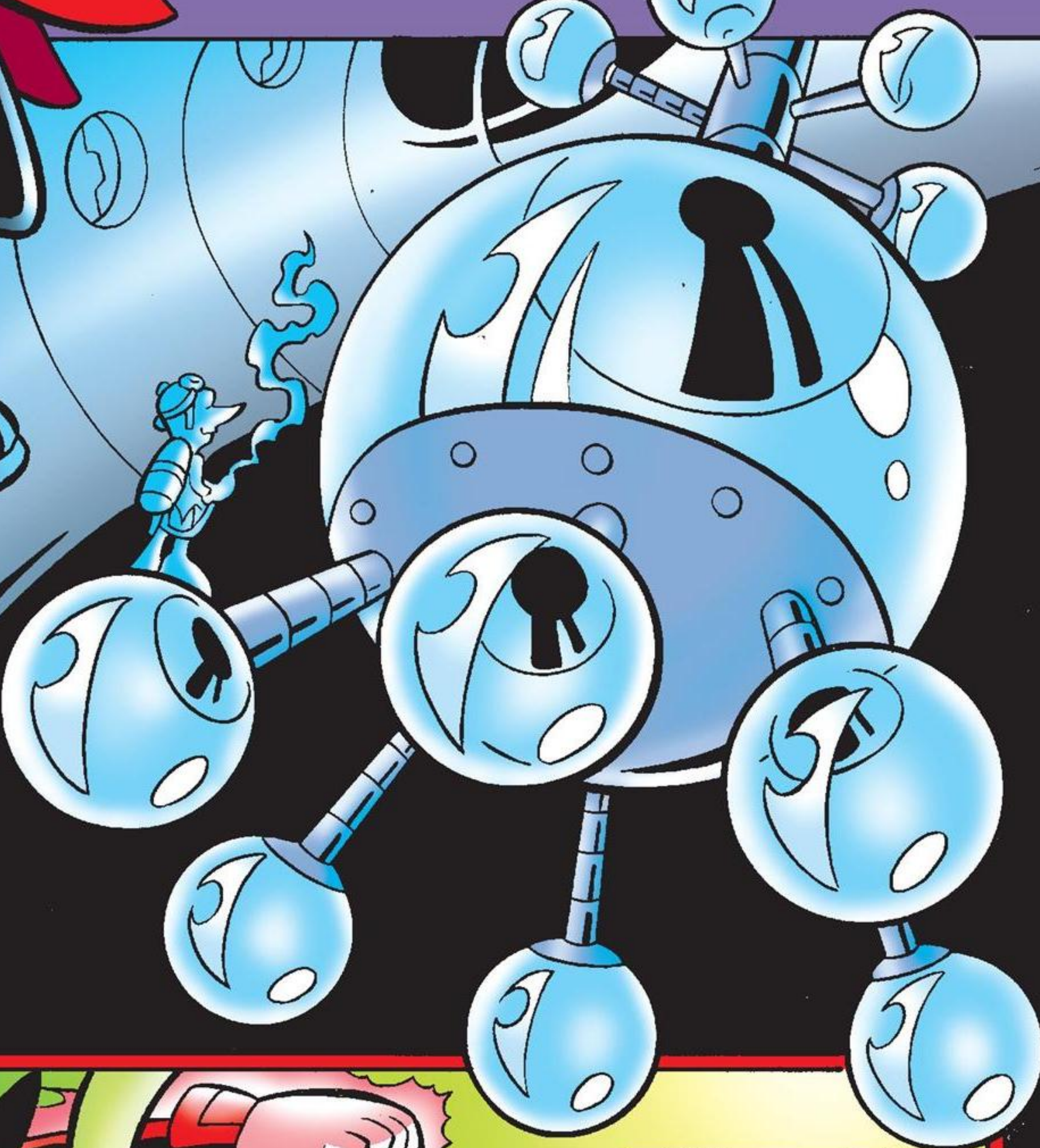
OF COURSE.
HEAVEN FORBID
YOU TAKE THE
DIRECT APPROACH
AND WIPE THEM
ALL OUT RIGHT
NOW...



I'M LAUNCHING THE EGG FLEET NOW, SNIVELY. AFTER ALL, I DID PROMISE TO "ASSIST" MY NEW "ALLIES."



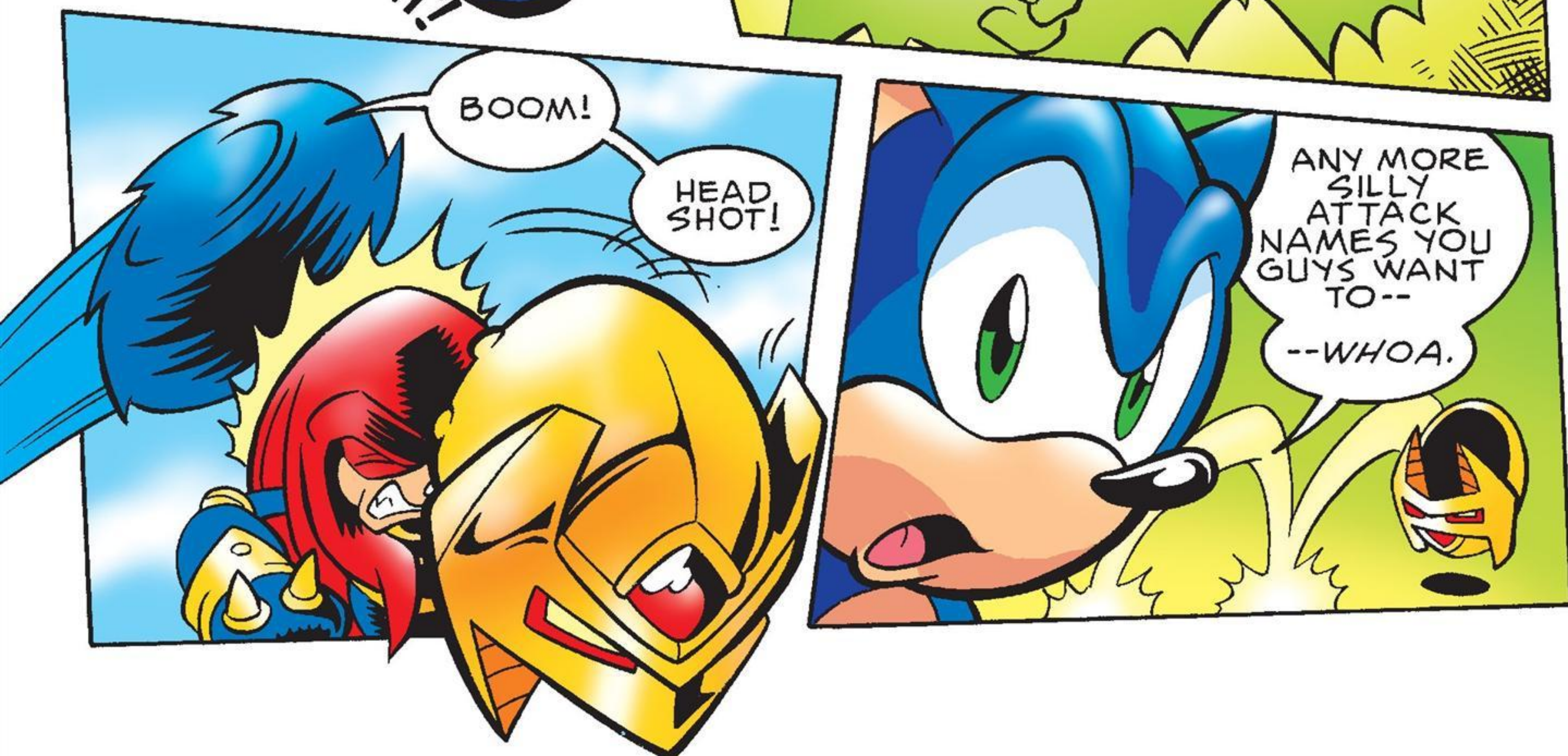
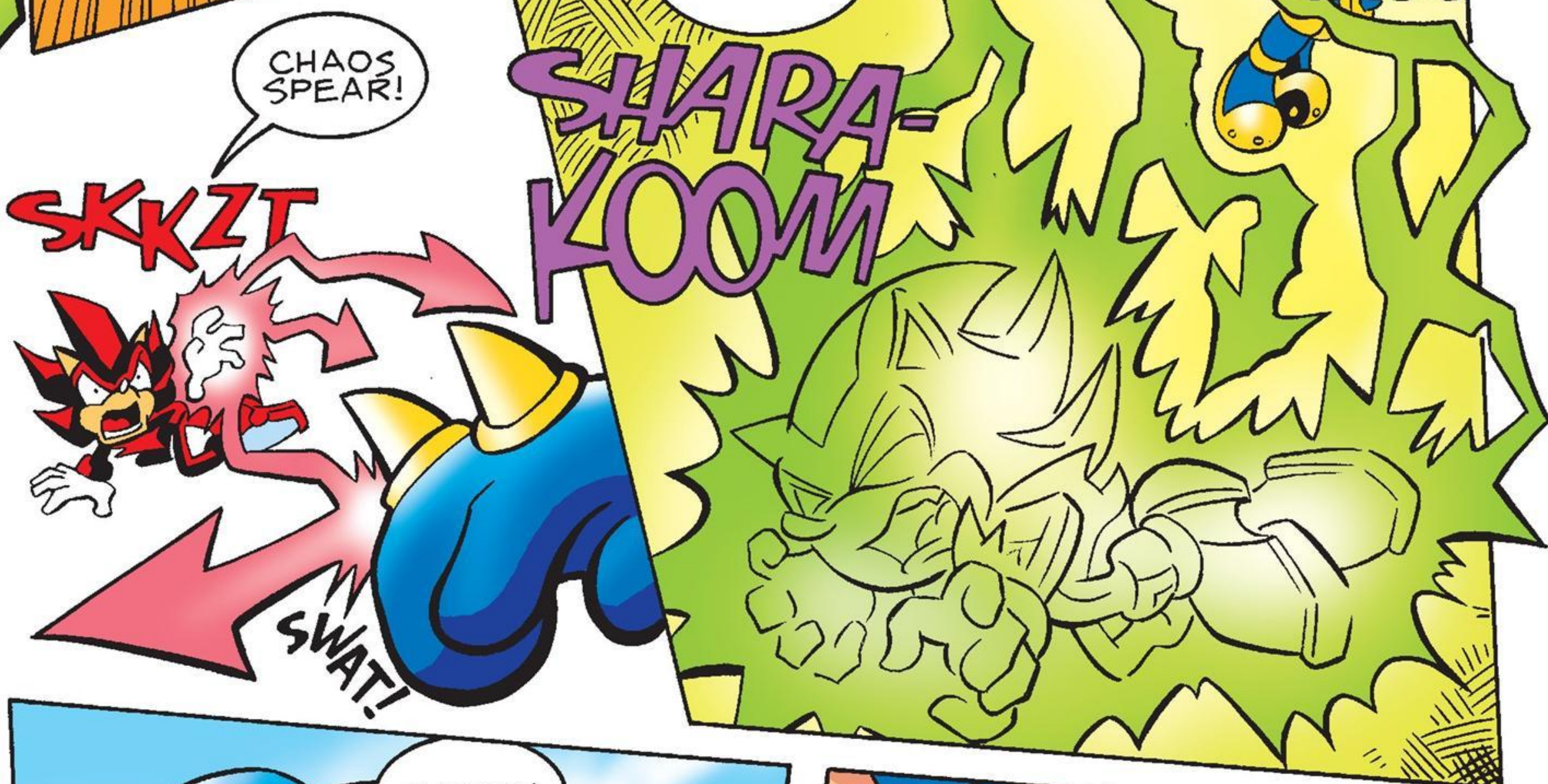
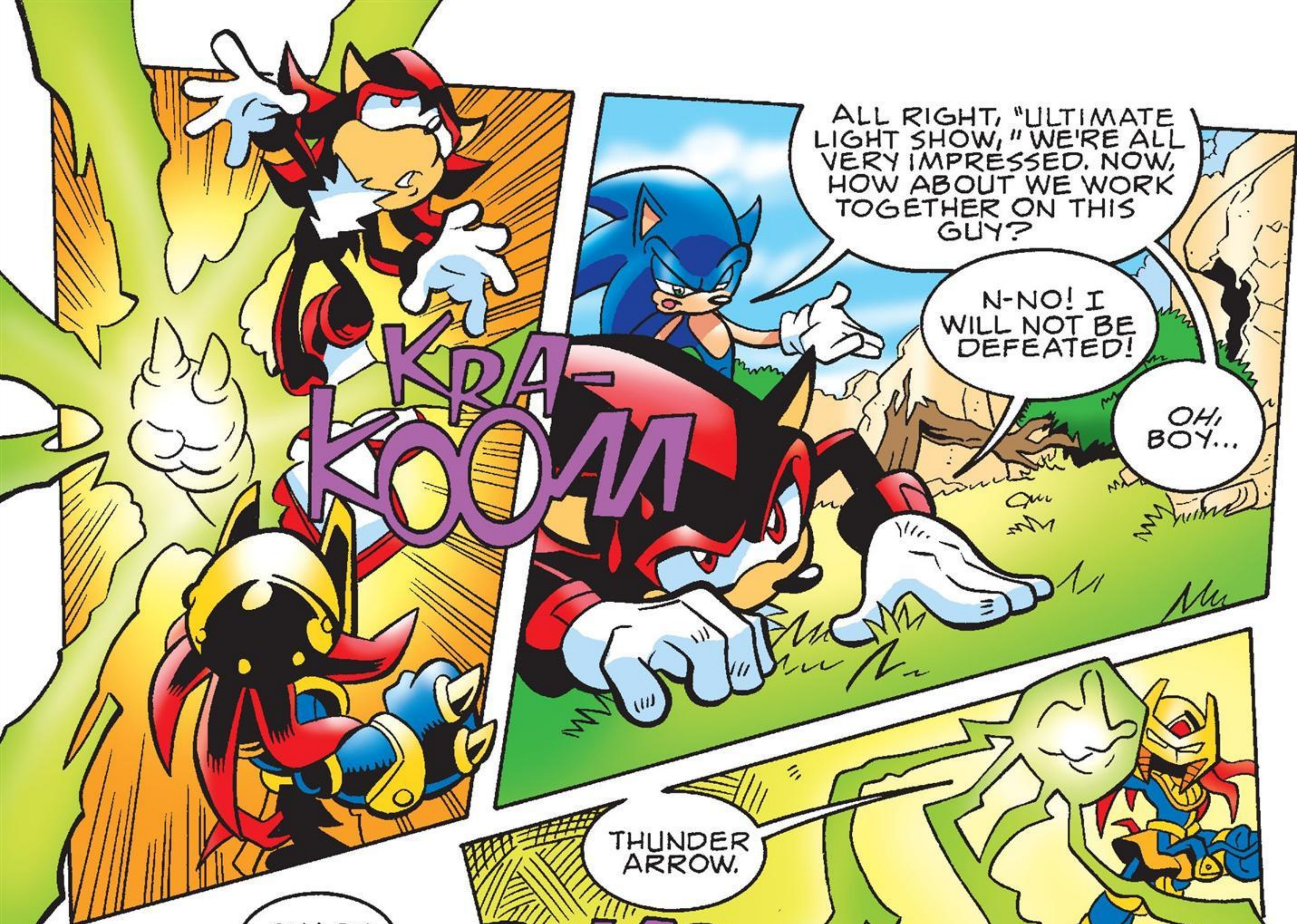
TAKE YOUR TIME, UNCLE...



...THE LAST MODIFICATIONS TO THE EGG GRAPES ARE COMPLETE.



"THEY'RE READY FOR OUR 'GUEST.'"



WHEN DID YOU...? HOW DID YOU...? WHY ARE...?

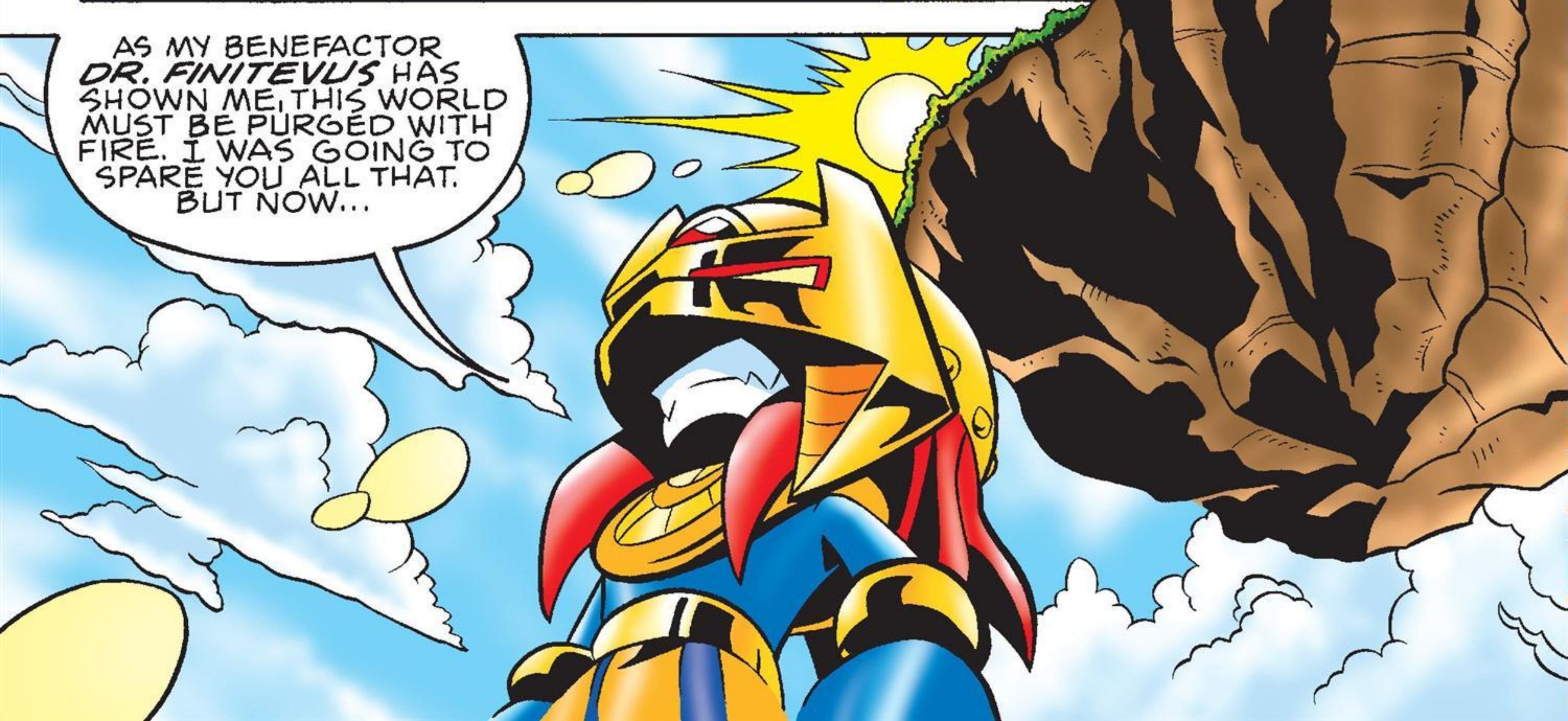
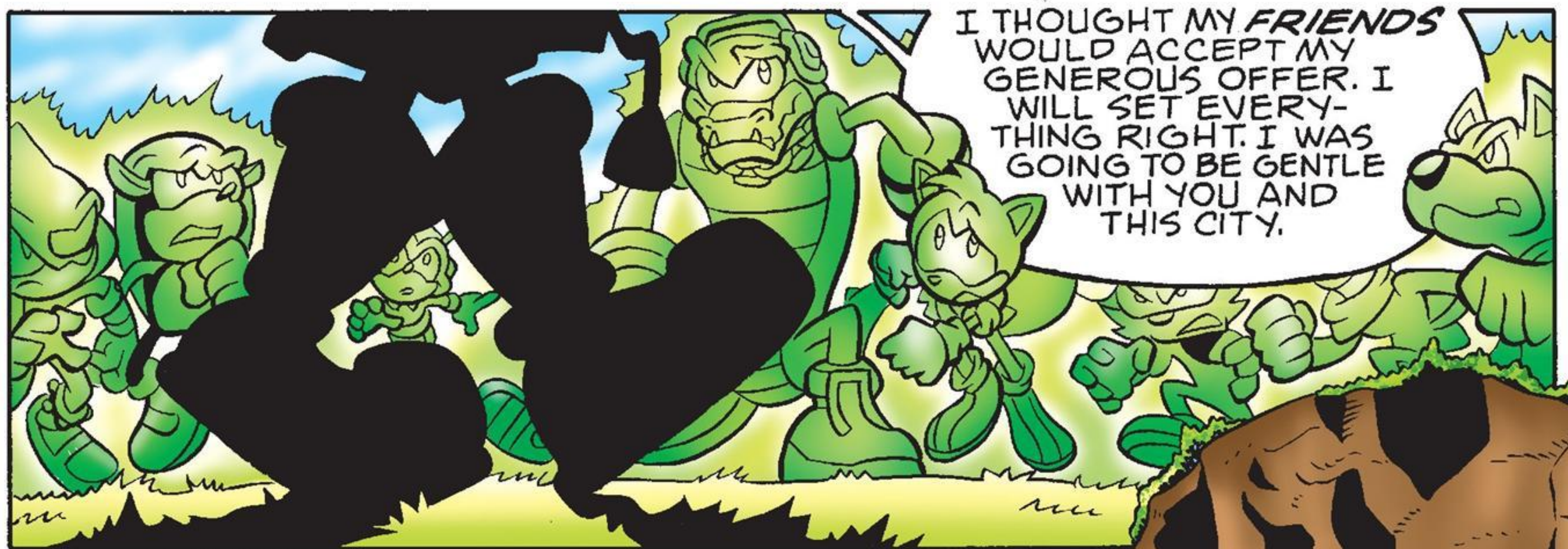
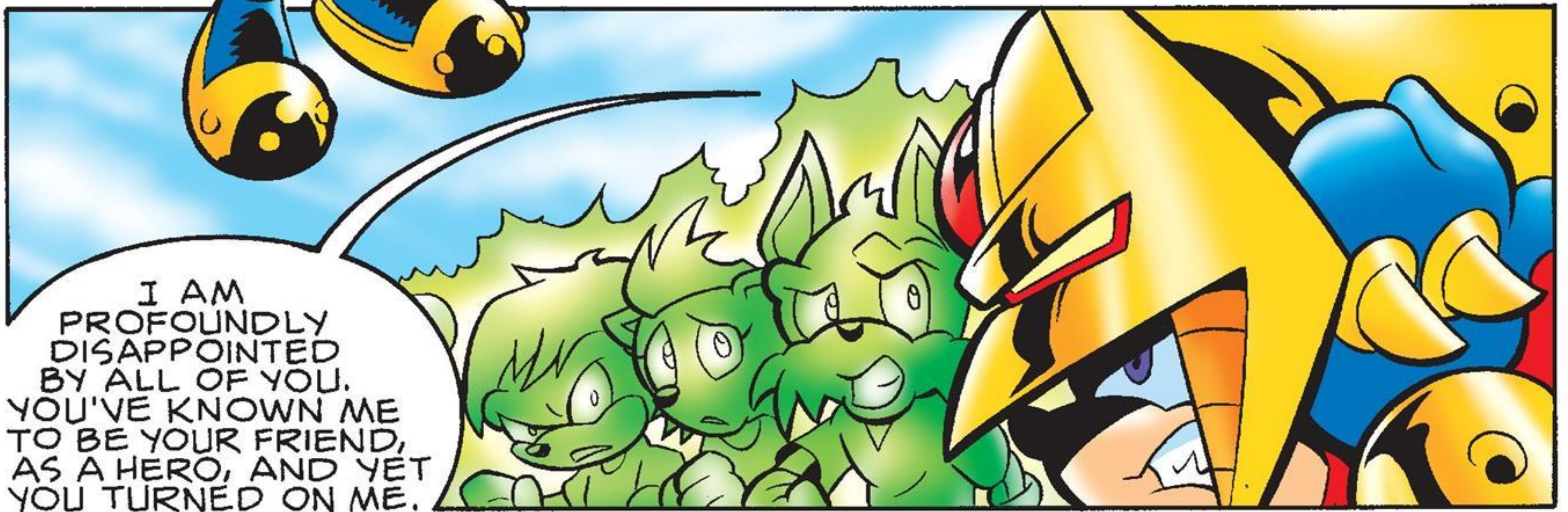
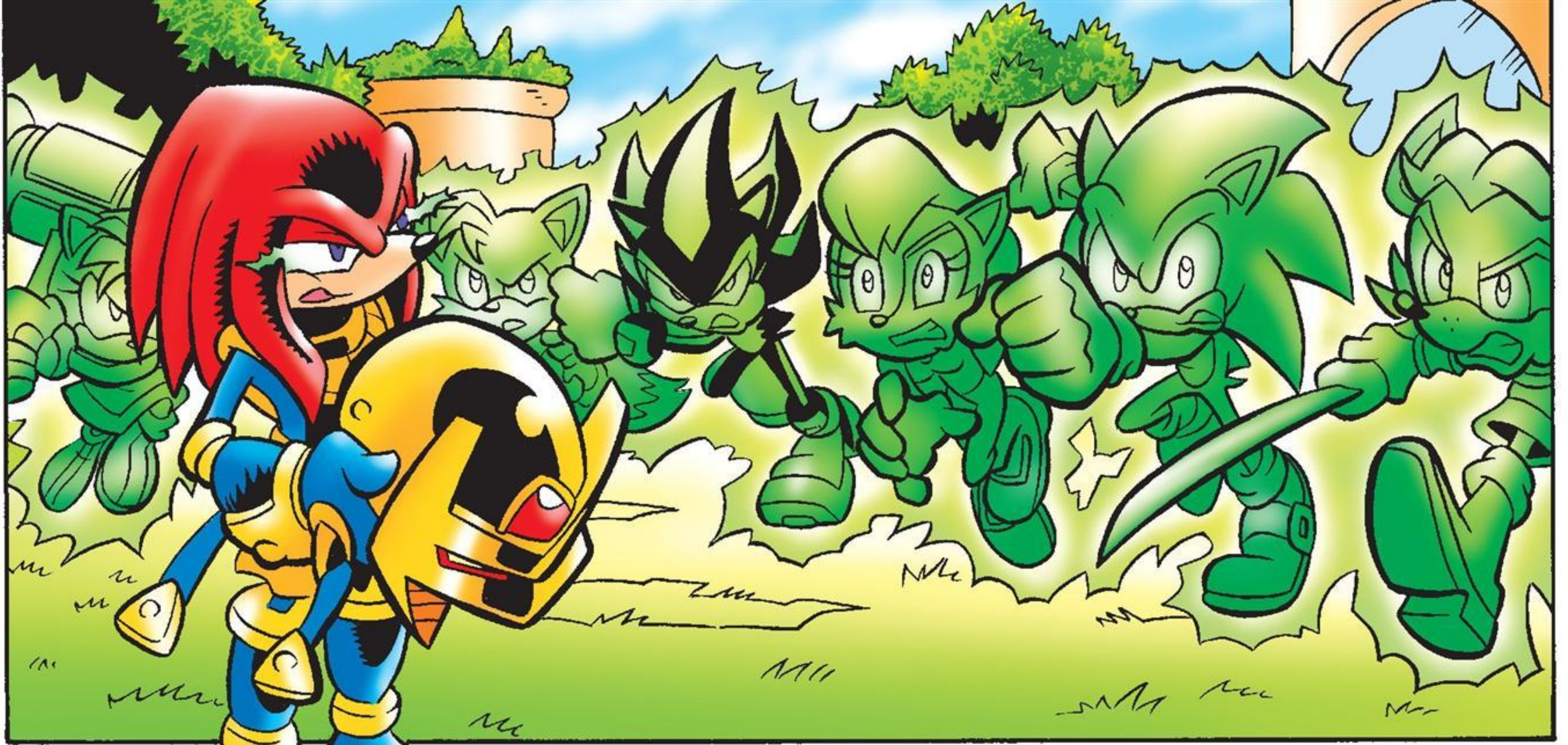
AS ALWAYS, YOUR "SMART MOUTH" ONLY COUNTS FOR SO MUCH.

DON'T LOSE YOUR RESOLVE NOW, BLUE HEDGEHOG.

I--I'M NOT. A THREAT'S A THREAT. BUT...

YOU'RE NOT ALONE, SONIC. FREEDOM FIGHTERS! CHAOTIX! CITIZENS OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS! WE FIGHT FOR OUR CITY AND OUR FREEDOM AS ONE!

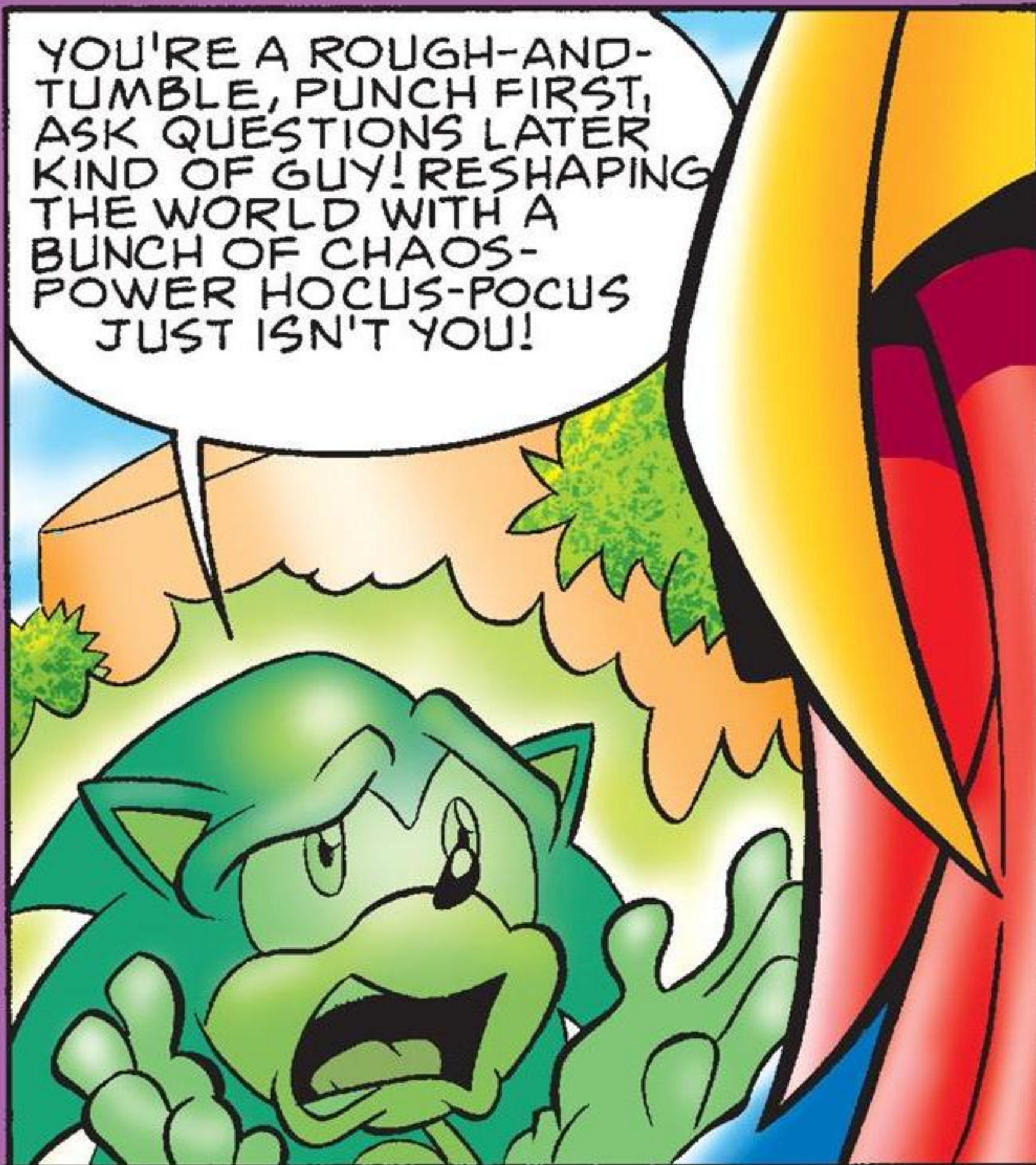
ENOUGH!



NUCKLES,
LISTEN TO ME!
THIS ISN'T LIKE
YOU, MAN! YOU
ARE NOT LIKE
THIS!



YOU'RE A ROUGH-AND-
TUMBLE, PUNCH FIRST,
ASK QUESTIONS LATER
KIND OF GUY! RESHAPING
THE WORLD WITH A
BUNCH OF CHAOS-
POWER HOCUS-POCUS
JUST ISN'T YOU!



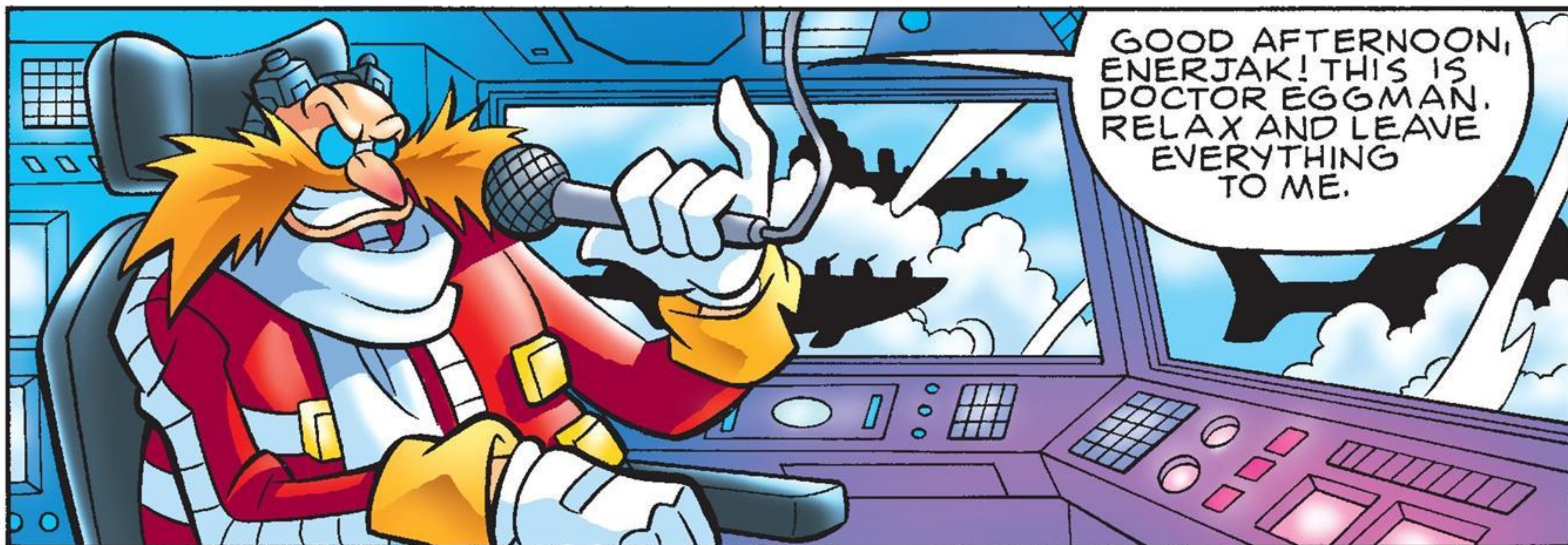
FINITEVUS MUST
HAVE MESSED
WITH YOUR
BRAIN!



THE WORLD IS
UNDENIABLY CORRUPT.
I HAVE THE POWER
TO CHANGE IT.
THERE IS NOTHING
THAT CAN SWAY ME.

I BEG TO
DIFFER.

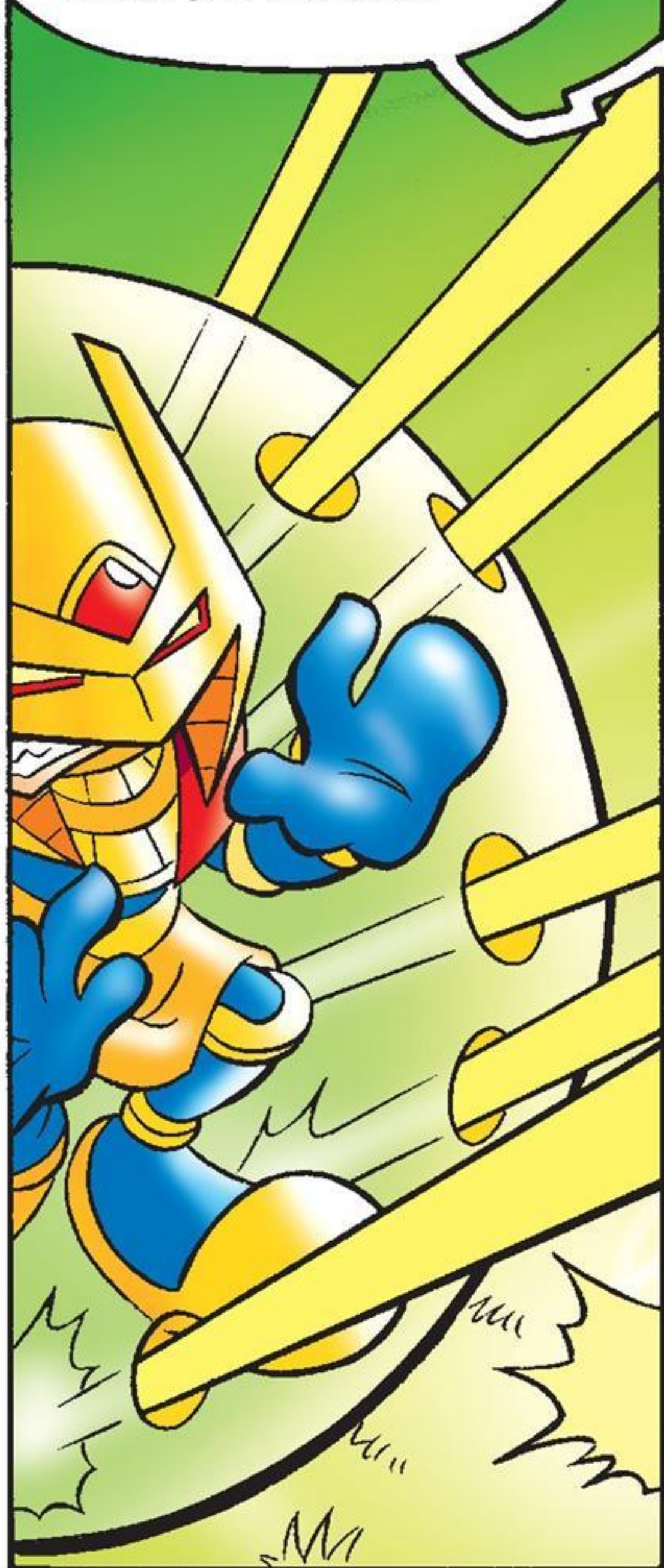




GOOD AFTERNOON, ENERJAK! THIS IS DOCTOR EGGMAN. RELAX AND LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.



I'VE PERFECTED THIS TACTIC TO AN ART.* MY TELEPORTING BEAMS WILL WEAR AWAY YOUR FUTILE AND INEVITABLE RESISTANCE...



...UNTIL YOU'RE FINALLY SENT TO MY EGG VINEYARD WHERE MY NEWLY-REFURBISHED EGG GRAPES WILL DRAIN YOU OF EVERY OUNCE OF POWER!



YOU SEE, RODENT? I KEPT MY END OF THE BARGAIN.



* FIRST USED TO TURN THE TABLES IN STH #164.



THANK YOU, CITIZENS OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS! YOUR EFFORTS AS DECOYS MADE MY PLAN SO MUCH EASIER!

KIDNAPPING KNUCKLES WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL!

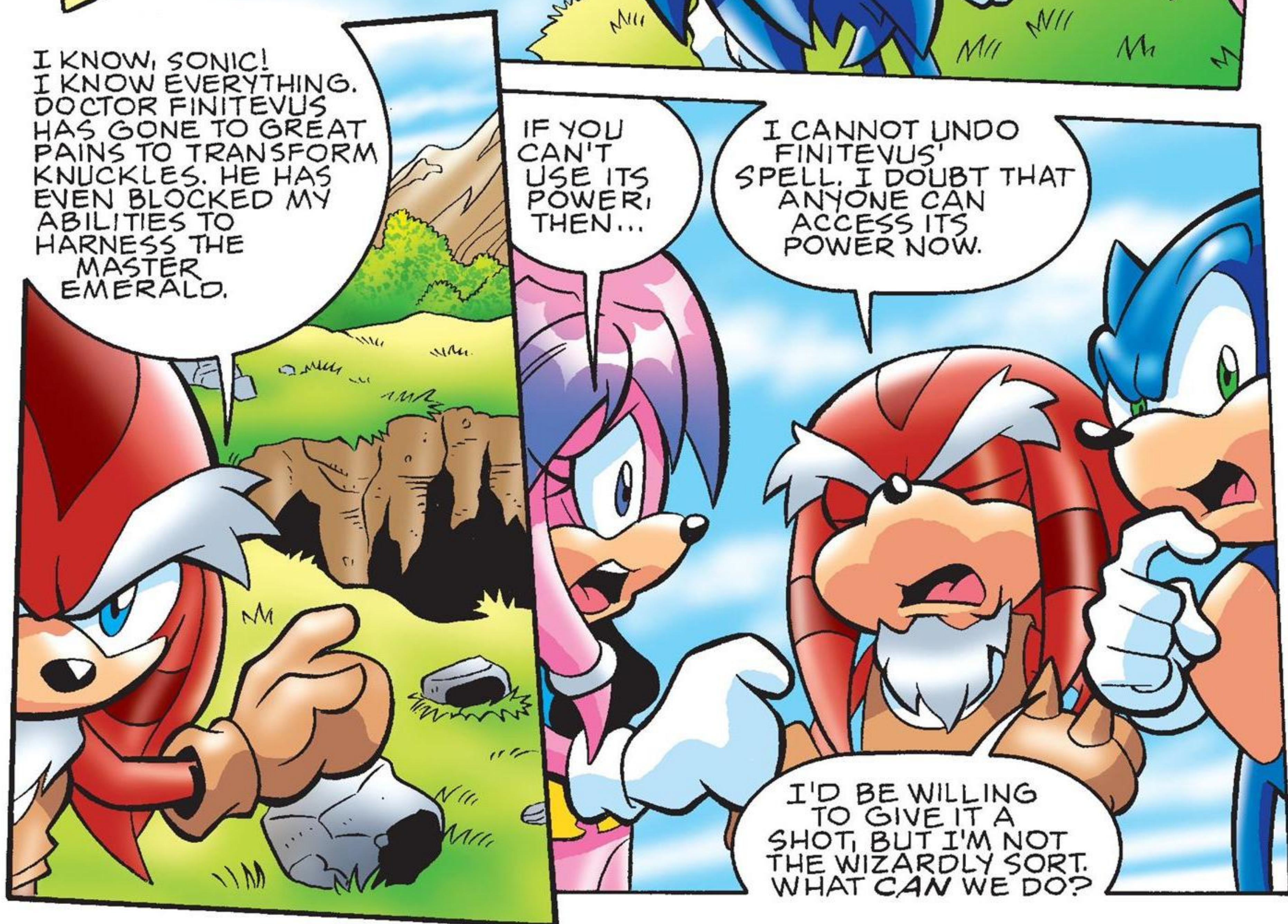
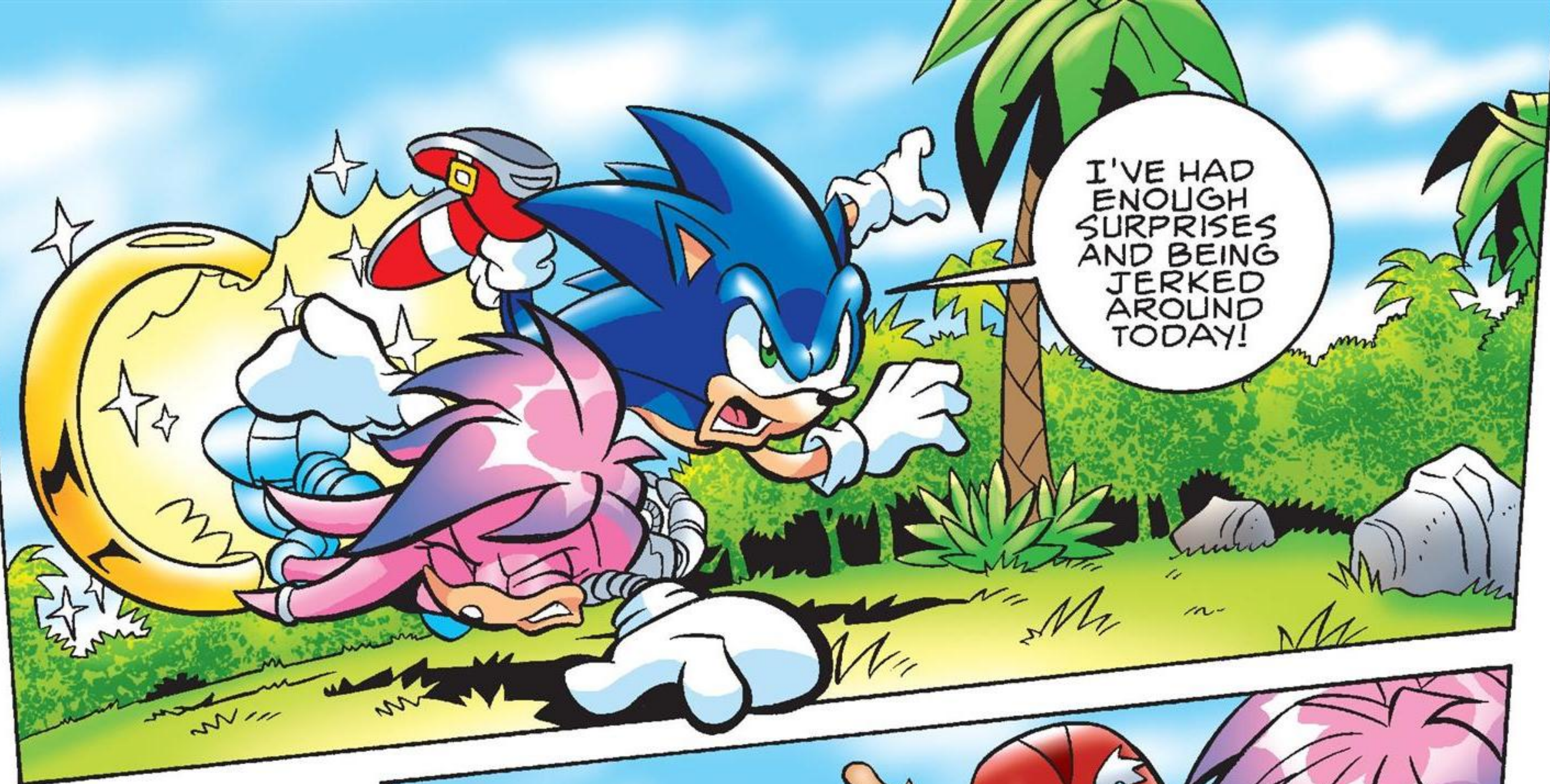


KNUCKLES, OR ENERJAK, IT'S ALL THE SAME! I RESCUED YOUR CITY FROM OBLIVION. IN RETURN, I GET THE BEST BATTERY A GENIUS COULD HOPE FOR!



NOW HURRY UP AND REBUILD. I WANT THIS PLACE SPIC AND SPAN WHEN I ERASE IT FROM THE MAP! MWA-HA-HA-HA-HA!





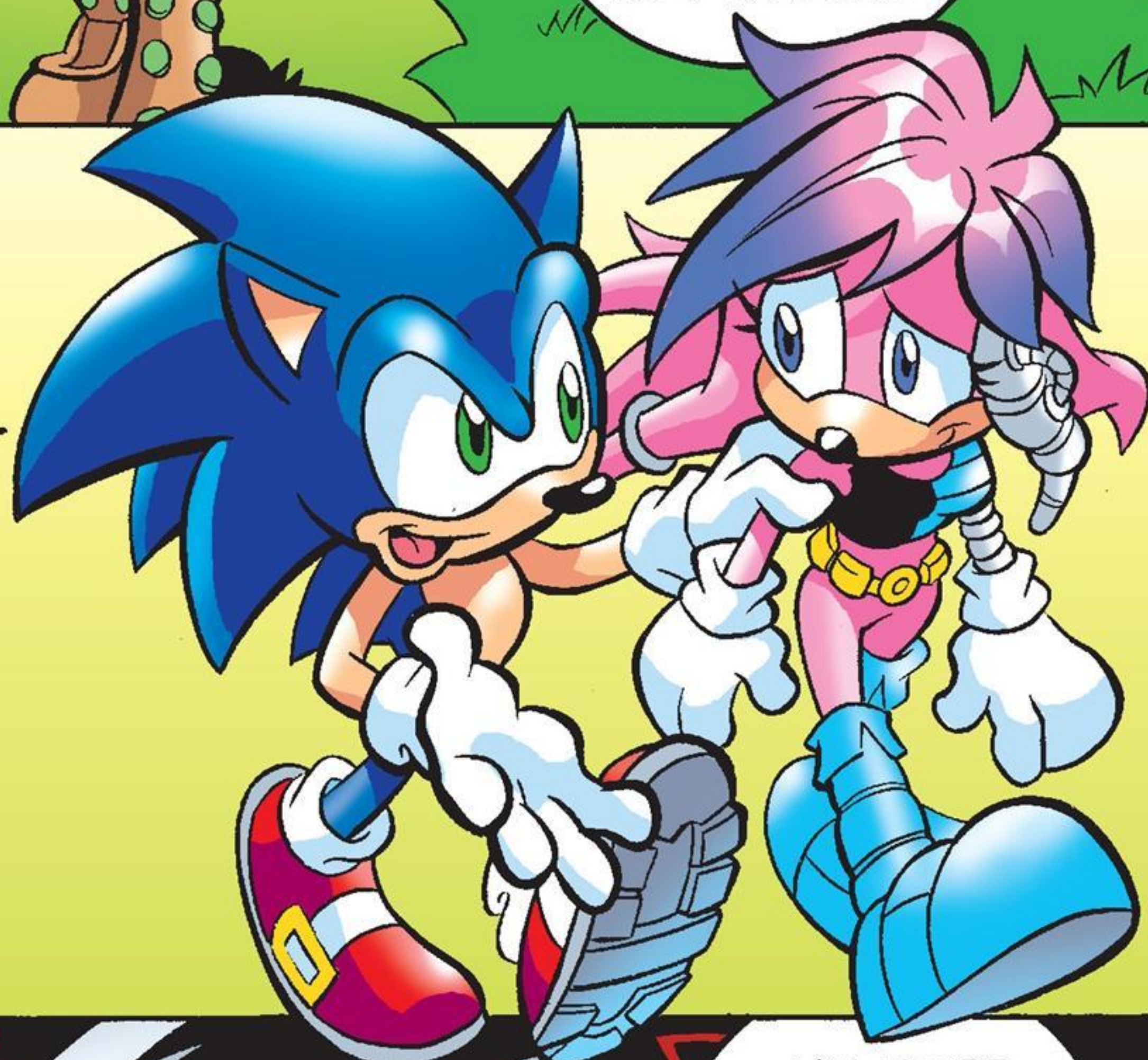
NOT LONG AGO,
THE BROTHERHOOD
OF GUARDIANS PREPARED
FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF
ENERJAK'S RETURN.
DOCTOR FINITEVUS HAD
SENT THE DESTRUCTIX
TO GUARD THE DEVICE,
THOUGH.



AND WITHOUT
THE MASTER
EMERALD,
YOU NEED SOME
EXTRA MUSCLE.
NO PROBLEM.

SEE?
NO WORRIES,
'SU! WE'LL GET
THIS GIZMO
AND HAVE
KNUCKLES
BACK TO
NORMAL
IN NO
TIME!

NO,
SONIC...



MY FORE-
FATHERS AND
I CRAFTED A
WEAPON. YOU
WILL HELP ME
DESTROY
ENERJAK!



- HAS LOCKE TRULY
TURNED ON HIS SON?
- WILL SONIC GO ALONG
WITH HIS PLAN?
- WILL DR. EGGMAN GIVE
THEM THE CHANCE?!

ALL THIS AND MORE NEXT MONTH!

But First...TURN THE PAGE AND DISCOVER HOW LOCKE LEARNED THE TRUTH...!

ALBION'S SHAMEFUL SECRET

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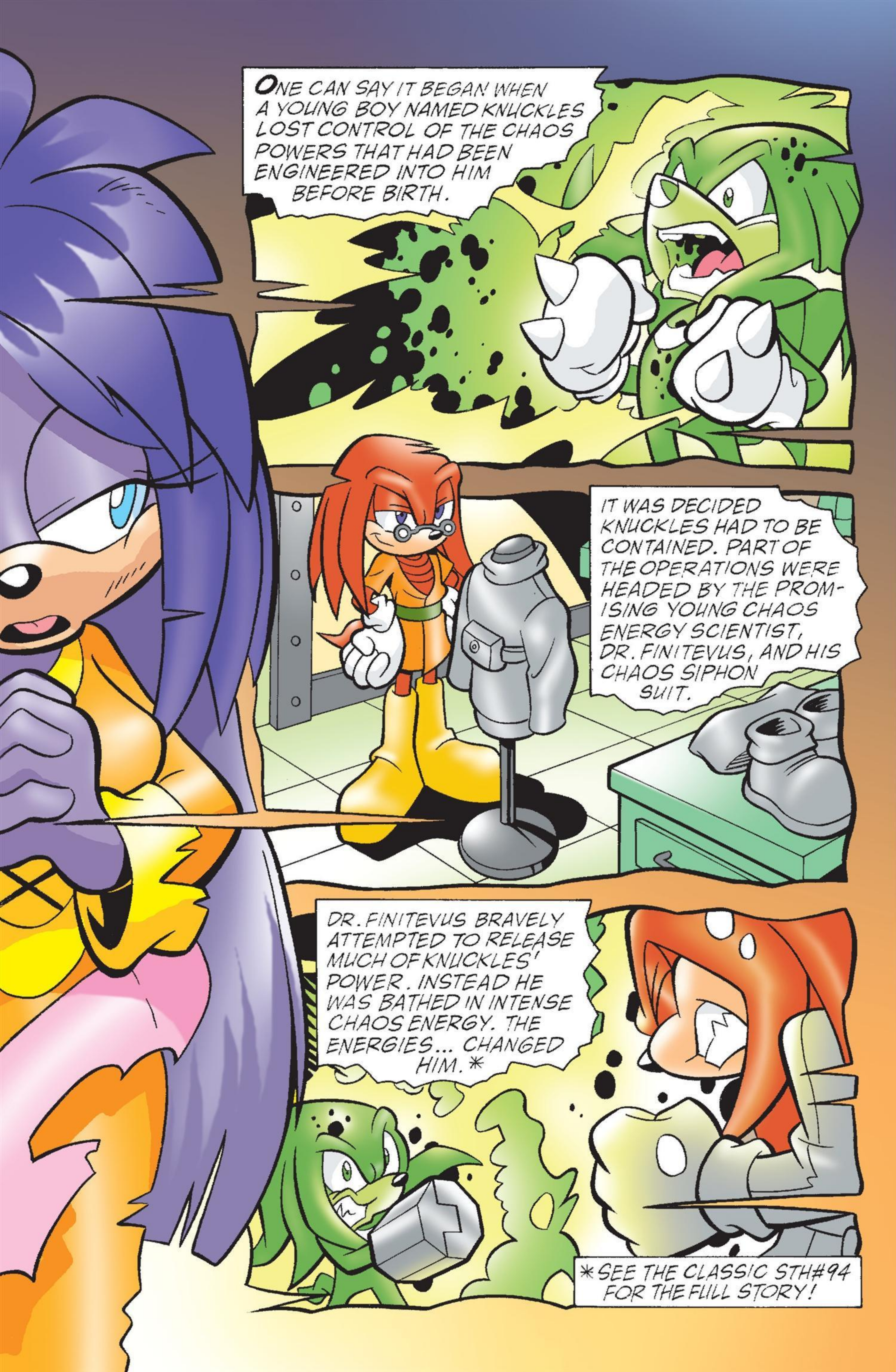
HELLO TO WHOEVER HAS FOUND THIS RECORDING. I BEG YOU TO LISTEN FOR I DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME.

MY NAME IS GALA-NA, AND I WAS ONCE HEAD OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF ALBION.

I ONCE HELPED MAINTAIN THE FIRST AND GREATEST ECHIDNA SETTLEMENT ON ALL OF MOBIUS. WE WERE THE CRADLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

NOW ALL OF THAT IS LOST.



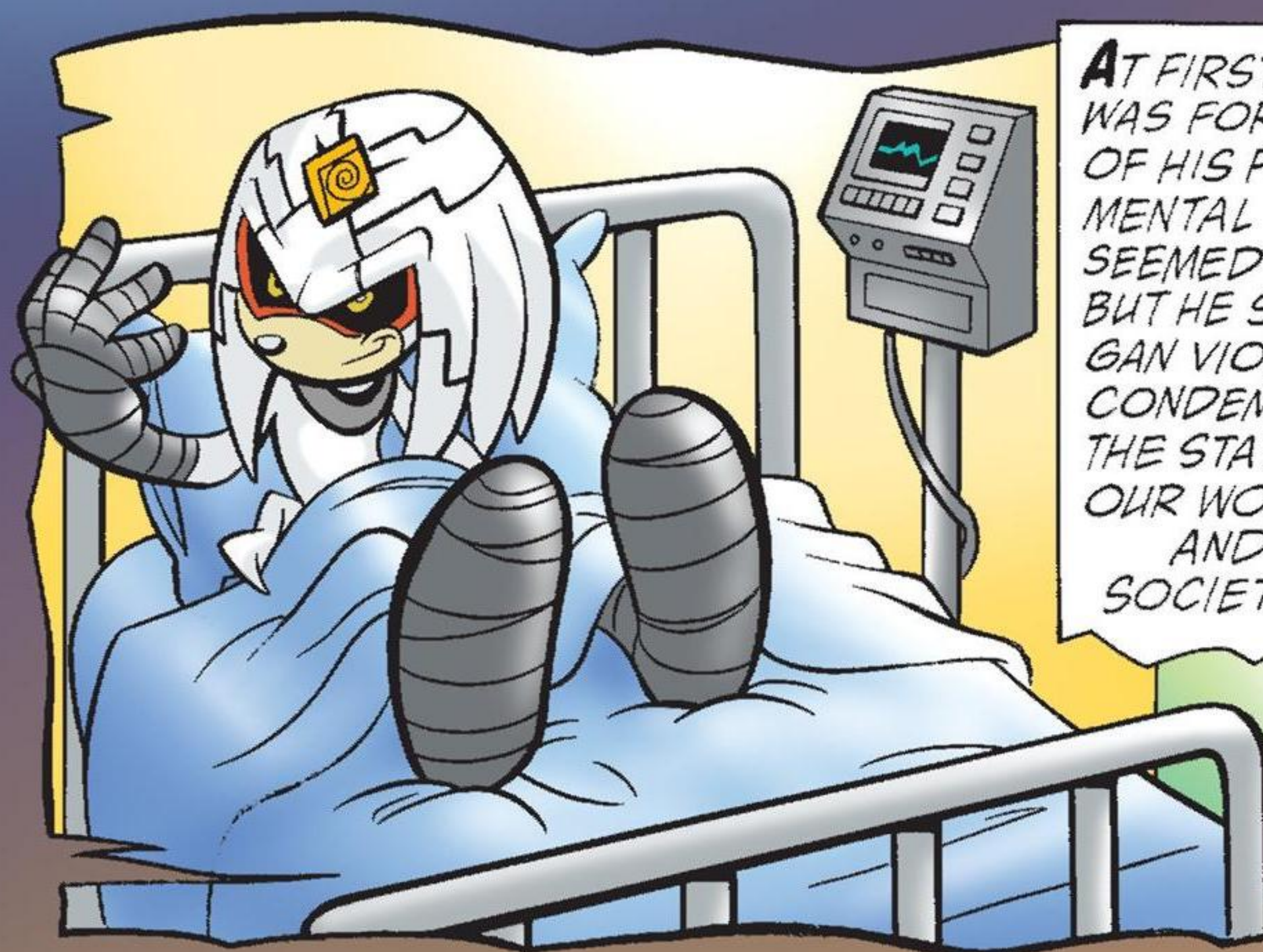


ONE CAN SAY IT BEGAN WHEN
A YOUNG BOY NAMED KNUCKLES
LOST CONTROL OF THE CHAOS
POWERS THAT HAD BEEN
ENGINEERED INTO HIM
BEFORE BIRTH.

IT WAS DECIDED
KNUCKLES HAD TO BE
CONTAINED. PART OF
THE OPERATIONS WERE
HEADED BY THE PROM-
ISING YOUNG CHAOS
ENERGY SCIENTIST,
DR. FINITEVUS, AND HIS
CHAOS SIPHON
SUIT.

DR. FINITEVUS BRAVELY
ATTEMPTED TO RELEASE
MUCH OF KNUCKLES'
POWER. INSTEAD HE
WAS BATHED IN INTENSE
CHAOS ENERGY. THE
ENERGIES... CHANGED
HIM. *

*SEE THE CLASSIC STH#94
FOR THE FULL STORY!



AT FIRST WE THOUGHT IT WAS FOR THE BEST. ALL OF HIS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRAITS SEEMED ENHANCED. BUT HE SOON BEGAN VIOLENTLY CONDEMNING THE STATE OF OUR WORLD AND SOCIETY...



SOME THEORIZED THAT FINITEVUS HAD BECOME A "PHOTONEGATIVE" OF KNUCKLES.

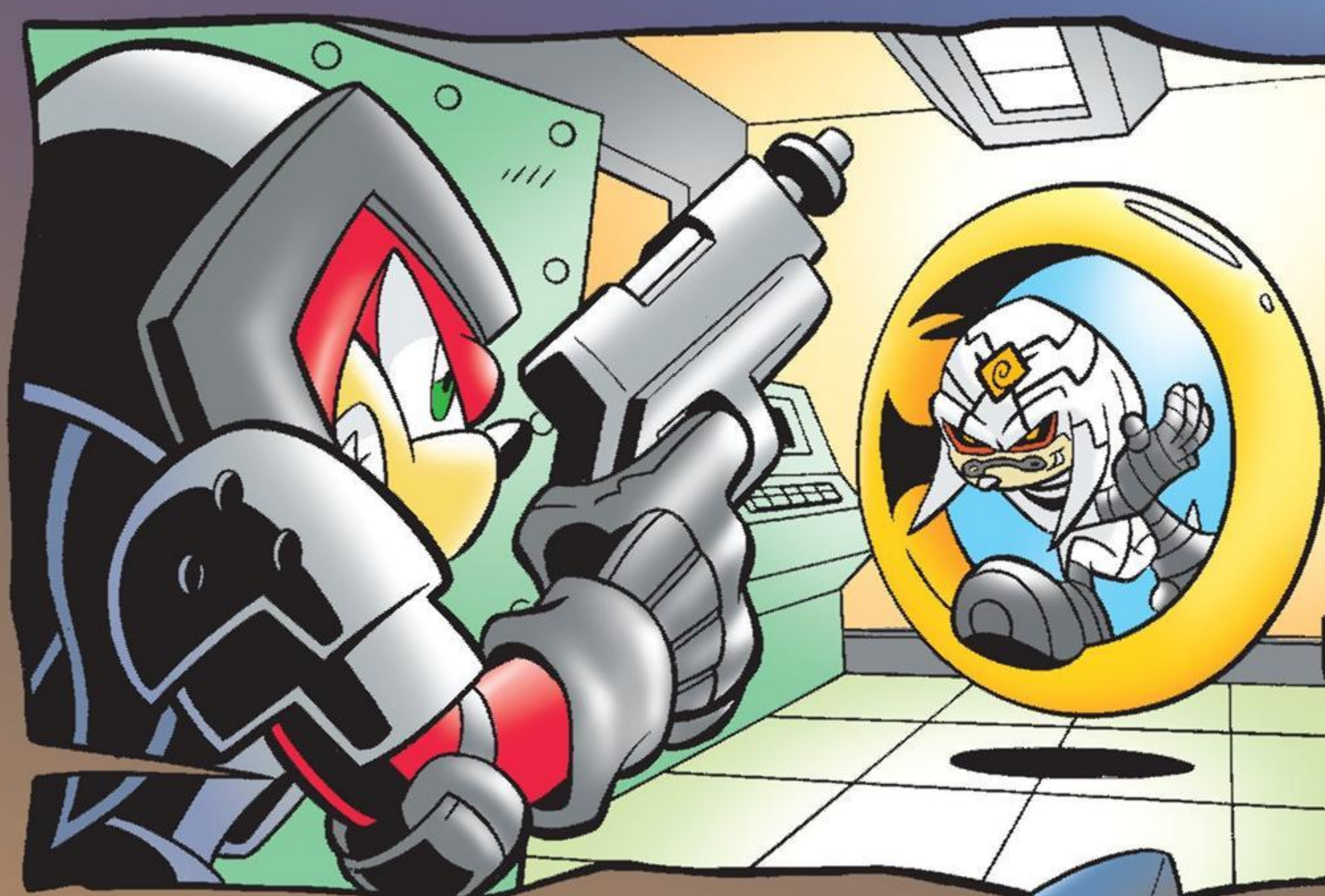


THEY CITED ANCIENT LORE OF AN "AVATAR," A PROTECTOR, IN CONTRAST TO FINITEVUS' RADICAL, DESTRUCTIVE PLANS. I SCOFFED THEN...



BUT FINITEVUS QUICKLY LEARNED TO CHANNEL THE CHAOS FORCE AND USED ITS AMBIENT ENERGIES IN HIS NEW, DANGEROUS INVENTIONS. I WAS THE DECIDING VOTE THAT CALLED FOR HIS EUTHANASIA.





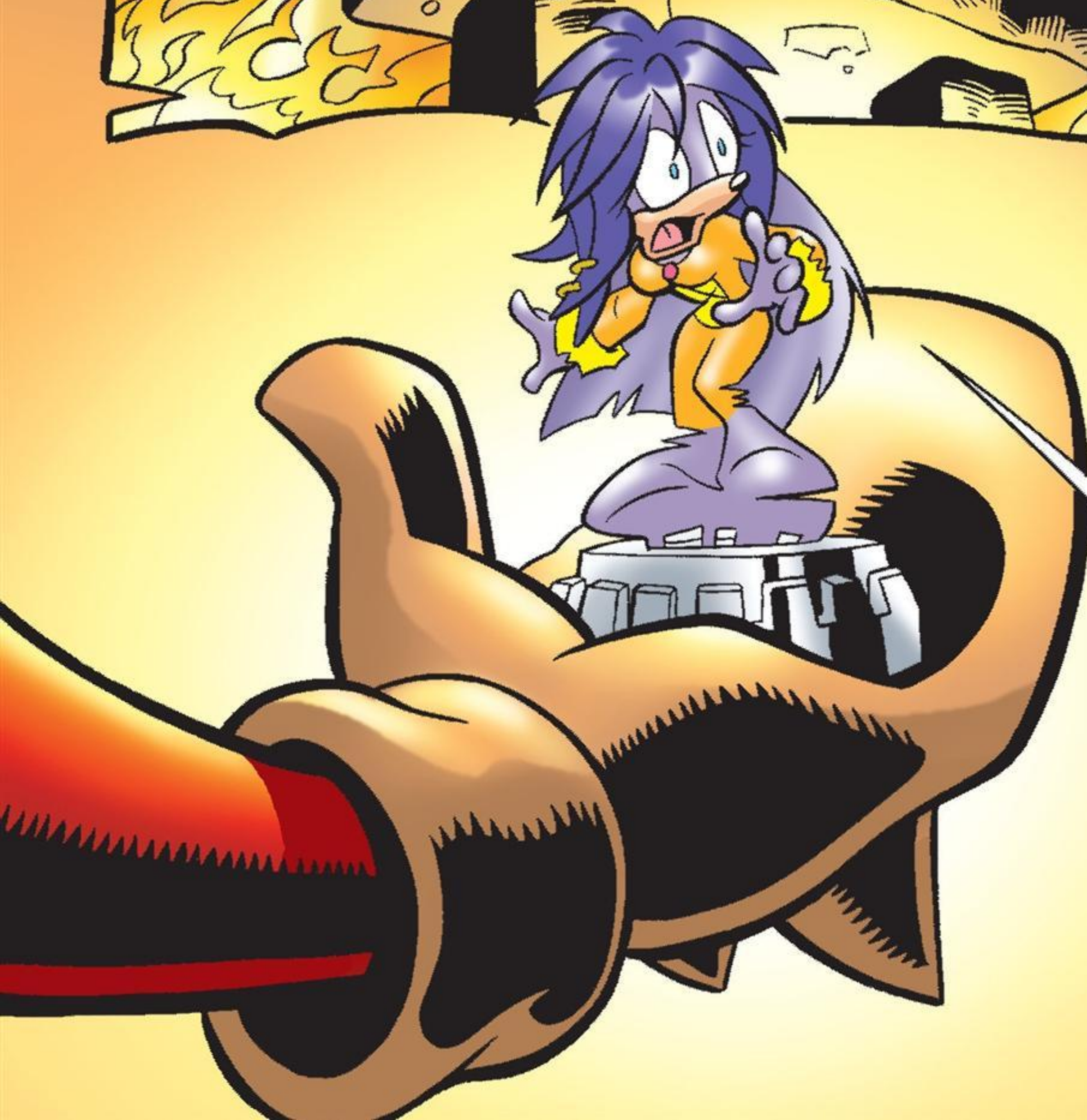
THUD!

HOWEVER, DR. FINITEVUS MANAGED TO ESCAPE. ALL OUR EFFORTS TO FIND HIM FAILED. WE WERE COMPLETELY UNPREPARED FOR HIS RETURN.



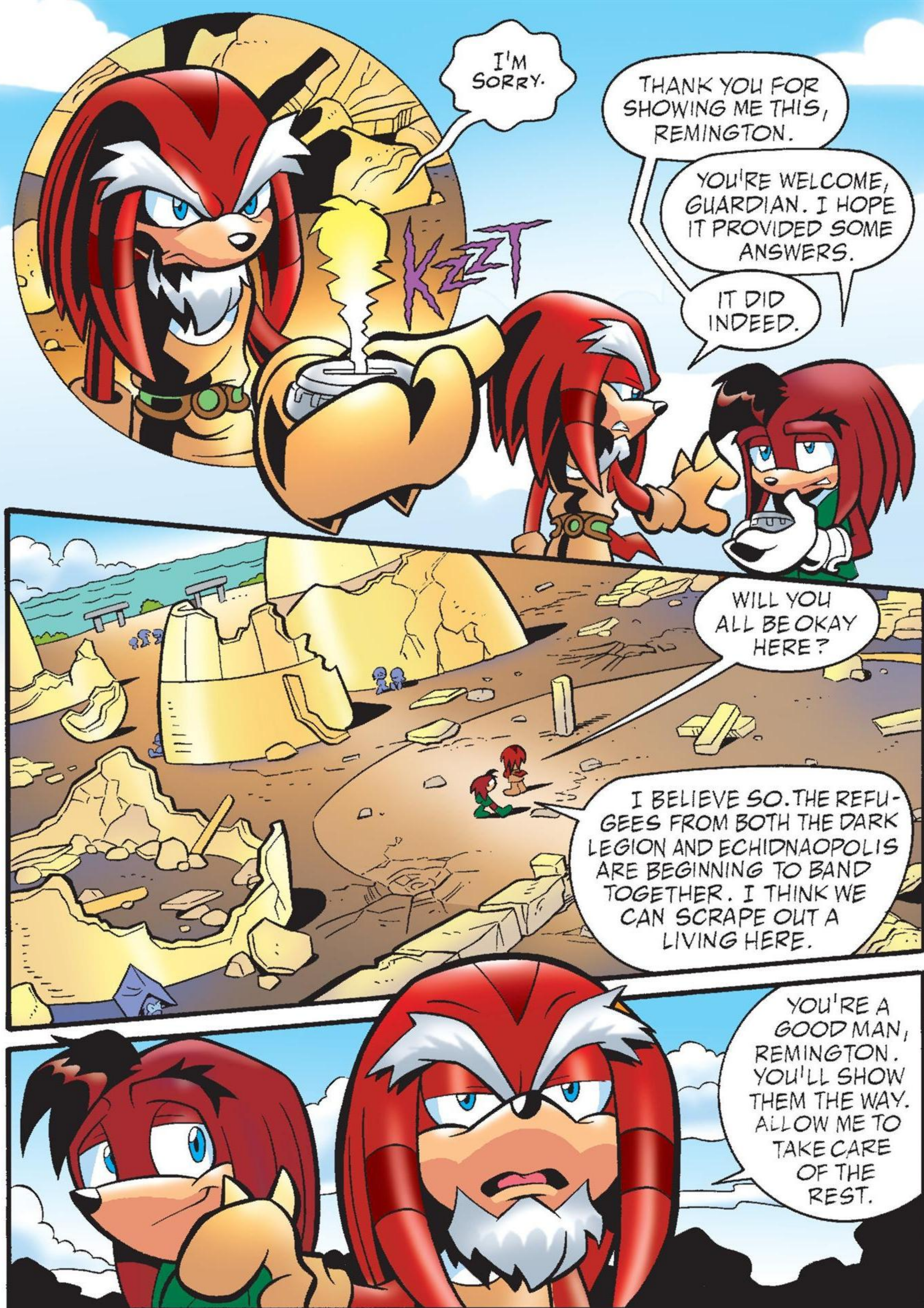
THUD!

HE SABOTAGED ALL OUR DEFENSES BEFORE LEADING AN INVASION FORCE FROM THE EGGMAN EMPIRE RIGHT INTO THE HEART OF THE CITY. IN A MATTER OF HOURS, DR. EGGMAN HAS LEVELED OUR CITY AND BEGUN TO CAPTURE US ALL.



THUD!

I HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED. PLEASE, IF YOU CAN, FIND AND STOP DR. FINITEVUS. HE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL THE WORLD HAS BEEN REDUCED TO CINDERS. SAVE YOURSELF FROM OUR MISTAKE!



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